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Ladies and Gentlemen of the
111th Legislature

It is my privilege and pleasure to transmit the Eighth Annual Report of the Judicial Department.

The report documents the significant workload of the Maine State court system during 1983. Over 245,000 filings were recorded in our 51 courts throughout the state, involving over 300,000 people. Some matters involved crimes while other cases involved amicable settlements of small claims. To the individuals involved, all of these matters were important and serious. It occurs to me that no other agency of government serves a greater number of its citizens with a staff of less than 330 people and a budget about 1 1/2 percent of total general fund expenditures.

This department provides judicial services to the citizens of Maine by reason of its many dedicated employees, both on the bench and behind the scenes. Rooted in the communities where they work, court employees are hardly anonymous, faceless bureaucrats. They are real people, coming in contact daily with citizens in need of assistance from their courts. This report documents their considerable efforts in 1983.

The format this year differs from previous editions. The text of the report is provided as an Executive Summary. It is rich in detail about the activities of the various state courts without burdening the reader with a surfeit of data. The more serious students and researchers may want to obtain a copy of the companion Statistical Supplement to this report that contains all the statistics. Your comments on this revised format are most welcome.

This publication is the collaborative effort of many people. The data are recorded and reported by clerks of court and their assistants across the state. These data are compiled and edited in the Administrative Office of the Courts by Debra Olken who labored for weeks overseeing the production of this document. Fran Norton again typed the report, both text and tables. Many others helped along the way. To all of them, thank you.

Sincerely,

Dana R. Baggett
State Court Administrator

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"THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY"

A Report to the Joint Convention of the 111th Maine Legislature (Second Regular Session)

January 26, 1984

By Chief Justice Vincent L. McKusick

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January 26, 1984

I much appreciate your invitation to report a second time to this 111th Legislature. Joining me here today are my judicial colleagues who share with me responsibility for supervising the operations of the Third Branch--my fellow members of the Supreme Judicial Court, which I like to call the Board of Directors of the Judicial Department, and Chief Justice Clifford of the Superior Court and Chief Judge Devine of the District Court. I bring you greetings, and regrets, from Justice Violette and Justice Glassman. He is today undergoing a routine surgical procedure at Cary Medical Center in Caribou. Justice Glassman is the victim of a fall on the ice Tuesday evening.

The invitation that your leaders have extended to us, and our grateful acceptance of this opportunity to report to you, demonstrate the realization by us both that cooperation between our two great branches of state government is essential if the constitutional mandate of each branch is to be fully carried out. The fair and efficient administration of justice will come only through that cooperation between the Legislature and the Judiciary.

You have, or will have, before you two pieces of proposed legislation that well illustrate the healthy potential of such cooperation, each in its own special way. The first is the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Collective Bargaining for Judicial Department Employees. That Advisory Committee, chaired by Dean James Carignan of Bates College, with balanced membership representing both sides of public employment labor relations, was appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court under your authorization of a year ago. That Advisory Committee recommends that you of the Legislature enact a statute, and that at the same time the Court issue an administrative order, establishing in identical parallel fashion the right of judicial employees to bargain collectively. The Court stands ready to do its part in this cooperative effort.

A second example of proposed cooperative action comes from the report of your Commission on Local Land Use Violations. That Commission, chaired by Senator Trafton, recommends 1) that you confer additional jurisdiction upon the District Court to enforce compliance with land use laws by equitable orders of abatement and 2) that the Supreme Judicial Court by rule prescribe a streamlined procedure for the District Court in such cases similar to that used for civil traffic infractions. Of course, I have no right to intrude upon your deliberations on the legislative wisdom of the proposed statute; but, I assure you that if you do enact it, the Supreme Judicial Court will do its part in promulgating an implementing rule. Senator Trafton's Commission has prepared a draft of such a rule. That will give the Court and its Advisory Committee on Civil Rules a head start on the rulemaking job.

The cooperation represented by the proposed joint efforts on judicial employee collective bargaining and on land use violations continues the long tradition of the Maine Judiciary and the Maine Legislature working together to improve the court system and law enforcement.

In reporting to you at your first regular session, I took a look back over the preceding five years, making a wide-sweeping review of developments in Maine's courts. This time I propose a less comprehensive report and one limited in time to the year 1983. I will try to hit the high spots.

First, the Law Court--the name historically applied to the Supreme Judicial Court when it sits to hear appeals. The new system for workers' compensation appeals, set up two years ago, is working as intended. An appeal from a single commissioner's decision now goes first to an Appellate Division consisting of two or more of the other commissioners; then, the losing party before that Appellate Division can get a full hearing in the Law Court only with the court's permission. Only about one third of the appeals from hearing commissioners' decisions are being taken beyond the Appellate Division. That Division is thus performing a valuable screening function; and also the commissioners sitting as the Appellate Division can develop a coordinated approach to questions of workers' compensation law, before those questions come to the Law Court. The whole appellate process is thereby improved.

Even with the reduced number of workers' compensation appeals reaching the Law Court, the filings in the Law Court remain at an annual level of about 500 cases. The steady increase in other categories of civil and criminal appeals has taken up the slack. We are proud to report that we remain abreast of our heavy workload.

Now let us turn to the trial courts. As of January 1st the Superior Court has a Chief Justice, authorized by you last year. Chief Justice Clifford has undertaken the added responsibilities of administrative leadership of that busy court with enthusiasm and effectiveness. As of January 1st, I also reappointed for another three-year term Chief Judge Devine of the District Court, who has again designated Judge Alan Pease as his deputy. It is a tribute to Chief Judge Devine, and his predecessor, Chief

Judge Nicholas Danton, that when we reorganized the Superior Court's administrative structure we modeled the new arrangement exactly upon that of the District Court. I am now relieved of many details in the administration of the Superior Court, as I have been in the District Court, and so can concentrate on coordinating the operations of the several courts.

In 1983 we found particularly useful the flexibility the Legislature has given us over the years to assign trial judges to sit in other courts than their own. As just one example, under the new law of last year that permits me to assign the two Administrative Court judges to sit in the Superior Court, as well as in the District Court, they have during the last six months of 1983 devoted one judge week per month to hearing contested divorces and other nonjury matters in the Superior Court in Cumberland County. At the same time, they have continued to sit in the District Court for two judge weeks per month.

Our widely praised in-court mediation service continues to be a success story. In March, I issued an administrative order making mediation available in family law cases at all Superior and District Court locations statewide. Mediation can be used for some or all of the child custody and property issues in a divorce case. Although our administrative order requires the attorneys and the judge to explore with the parties the suitability of mediation in their divorce case, going to mediation remains a matter of choice by the parties, and any issue is resolved in mediation only by mutual agreement. An average of 50 divorce cases per month were mediated during the period May through December, 1983. Even though we foresee a further increase this year, the number remains too small to provide any significant relief to our trial courts, faced with 7,500 divorce cases a year. However, mediation is a valuable adjunct to our usual adjudicatory processes. Where appropriate, it produces a better brand of justice. Because of the voluntary feature of mediation, court orders entered on mediated settlements (whether in family law, small claims, or other civil matters) later meet with a higher level of compliance than do orders entered after adversary court proceedings.

We can report with satisfaction that the District and Superior Courts are successfully implementing the Single Trial Law, now in effect for two full years. In the two years 1982 and 1983, about 158,000 Class D and E and traffic criminal cases were commenced in the District Court. All of those 158,000 cases potentially could have had a jury demand, requiring transfer to the Superior Court for trial. However, our fear that the Superior Court might be swamped by defendants transferring to gain time has proved unfounded. In fact, the number of cases transferred for trial to the Superior Court in the two years that the Single Trial Law has been in effect was actually slightly fewer than the total number of transfers and appeals to the Superior Court during the last two years under the old law, when both transfers and appeals were entitled to a full trial in the Superior Court. We will continue to watch the situation closely, but the message apparently is out that transfer to the Superior Court merely for delay does not work.

I now turn to a subject that any report on the courts must address to be complete. I want to identify for you some of the most pressing of the needs faced by the Maine courts.

Last year I reported that "very soon we will need additional judges," and I assured you that we would, before the convening of this second regular session, quantify our need as precisely as the nature of the question permits. That has now been done by our Judicial Policy Committee, chaired by Justice Roberts. For the past 11 years, the Superior Court has had only fourteen judges. We now ask for three additional judges for that court. The Superior Court's pending caseload has steadily grown until it is now over 17,000 cases--some 80% higher than in 1973. This growing backlog exists despite the fact that each Superior Court justice is disposing of more than 1,100 cases a year--nationally rated a high level of productivity. These figures simply reflect the litigation explosion that has now reached Maine. In the past 11 years, civil litigation has become more complex--often involving multiple parties with multiple counsel, and often brought under statutes that did not even exist prior to 1973, for example, the Consumer Credit Code, the strict liability statute, and the tort claims act. Both civil and criminal motions are filed with much more frequency than was the case 11 years ago, aided by the routine use of word processors in lawyers' offices. Facing the same phenomenon, the legislature in New Hampshire has authorized the addition of ten more Superior Court judges over the next three years.

Justice Roberts' report also documents the need for three additional District Court judges. In 1973 the District Court had 20 judges, and the only addition since then has been the one judge authorized two years ago. In that eleven-year period, major additions have been made to the District Court's responsibilities. For instance, the Protection from Family Abuse statute was enacted in 1979, and in the year 1983 that statute generated over 2,100 cases, sensitive cases demanding much judge attention. The rules to implement the Single Trial Law require all pretrial motions to be filed, heard, and decided in the District Court before a criminal case with a jury demand is transferred to the Superior Court for trial. In addition, as I mentioned earlier, the Commission on Local Land Use Violations proposes an equity-type enforcement procedure in the District Court, recommended in preference to creating a statewide system of land use hearing examiners; that proposed law will increase the workload of that court, perhaps substantially. The caseload of the District Court has already increased by well over one third in the past 11 years. In the same period, the cases heard by the District Court have become more complex--for example, proceedings to terminate parental rights, mortgage foreclosure, custody and marital property issues in divorce.

By any measure, Maine has a remarkably small judiciary. The requested increases in the Superior and District Courts are modest in light of the documented need. We trust you will give our request your favorable consideration.

We are also in critical need of additional personnel in our clerks' offices. In the District Court this clerk shortage has become particularly acute since the Single Trial Law went into effect on January 1, 1982. To implement that law, all arraignments and all pretrial motion hearings in transfer cases have to be recorded. This means that clerical personnel are taken from their office and put into the courtroom to monitor the recording of proceedings there. As a consequence, the remaining office staff work under even more pressure to accomplish their increasing workload in timely fashion. Under these pressures, some of our best clerks of court have resigned or taken early retirement. In the Superior Court, the expanded caseload and growing complexity of litigation and motion practice also necessitates additional clerical personnel. We are very proud of the men and women who staff the clerks' offices at our 50 trial court locations. They work very hard and productively. But they cannot be expected to carry their steadily growing burden without adequate help.

Now I turn to another great need of our courts: facilities. I was asked recently how many state courts operate in buildings constructed with state bond issues. The answer is none. If I asked you how many of our 50 trial court locations are housed in facilities constructed with any kind of state funds, how many would you say? The answer is one. Only the Augusta District Court is located in a state-owned facility, constructed 14 years ago by a direct appropriation. It is one of our better buildings.

The State became responsible for all of our state courts on January 1, 1976. Yet, in spite of our joint efforts, the public remains poorly served by court facilities in several locations.

The District Court system leases space in 32 cities and towns. Twenty-seven of those facilities are owned by county or municipal governments; five, by private owners. Our state Superior Court and the Supreme Judicial Court continue to operate entirely in county facilities for which, under the 1975 statute, the State pays no rent. So, it is clear that our state court system remains almost completely dependent on facilities provided by other governmental units or by private landlords.

Our court facilities should promote respect for the laws that are fashioned in this splendid State House. Unfortunately, many do not.

Our top priority is to improve our court facilities in Portland. That is by far the largest and busiest location for both the Superior Court and the District Court. Both are crammed into the Cumberland County Courthouse. That is a magnificent structure, built 75 years ago and well maintained by the Cumberland County Commissioners. But it is far too small to meet today's demands.

The District Court in Portland should have four courtrooms to handle the approximately 40,000 cases filed each year from the twelve communities it serves. It needs to triple its space in order to serve the public adequately. The Superior Court needs, by conservative standards, to increase its space by more than 50 percent for proper functioning. It will cost in excess of $5 million to build an addition to the courthouse to provide these essential facilities.

Meanwhile, the consequences in the Portland District Court are serious inconvenience to the public and added delay to the judicial process. The Superior Court in Cumberland County now has a pending caseload of over 4,200 cases, an increase of over 40 percent since 1978. The average civil case there takes more than 575 days from filing to disposition because of the shortage of courtrooms and the necessary priority given to criminal cases.

Also, we must give high priority to obtaining a new judicial facilitity to serve the Bath-Brunswick area. There, we contemplate a building that will enable the present District Court operations in both communities to be consolidated. Such a building can also accommodate the Superior Court for Sagadahoc County and serve eastern Cumberland as well. Such a building can be constructed for about $1 million.

We in the Judicial Department look to your collective wisdom to decide how to fund these urgent building needs for the courts. Should it be by bond issue, or should it be by direct appropriation, or by a combination? We have failed in the past to find a solution to these questions, but we must not let that cause us to stick our heads in the sand. Every year, the situation gets worse, and more expensive to correct.

Before closing, I offer some general observations.

The courts always have rendered essential social service, not merely public service, but essential social service. The courts were among the first social service agencies, long before the Department of Human Services was conceived of and indeed long before most of its functions were seen as appropriate for government to perform. The trial and punishment of crime and the resolution of civil disputes have been, from the earliest days of civilization, of utmost importance to a safe and harmonious society. The courts have long since become so much an established part of a civilized society that it is all too easy for us to take them for granted. We can no longer afford to do so. The courts must have sufficient judges and support staff, and they must be given adequate facilities and technological tools to enable them to do their jobs. Failure to do so will jeopardize the very fabric of our society.

Courts will never win a popularity contest. Every day judges are called on to make tough decisions. At times those tough decisions, though made in keeping with constitutional and statutory standards, cause frustration and even hostility toward the judiciary among some of the public. Furthermore, going to court is always a painful experience, even for the party who seemingly prevails. Judge Learned Hand, who spent most of his adult life in the courts, once said that he would view his own involvement as a litigant as a personal disaster. However much it was a mistake for us to lump court building needs into an omnibus bond issue last fall and however much we in positions of public responsibility failed in making our case for court facilities before the electorate, both then and three years before, the simple fact is that the courts have no natural constituency. The courts can only appeal to the intelligence and the fair-mindedness of Maine citizens.

These remarks lead me to my final observation. Ever since my father served in both the House and the Senate starting 43 years ago this month, the Maine Legislature has been to me a very special institution--a place where men and women of all callings, including farmers like my father, come together to make laws to advance the best interests of our beloved State of Maine. From my acquaintance with you individually and as an organized group, I know that you recognize the essential social service that Maine courts perform. I know that you are every one committed to doing what is right as you see it in carrying out your lawmaking responsibilities. I know that you will do your very best to give us in the courts the tools that we need. No one can ask more.

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COURT STRUCTURE

HISTORY

Until separation in 1820, Maine was a part of Massachusetts and therefore included in the Massachusetts court system. However, in 1820, Article VI, Section I, of the new Maine Constitution established the judicial branch of government stating: "The judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Supreme Judicial Court, and such other courts as the Legislature shall from time to time establish". From the start of statehood, the Supreme Judicial Court was both a trial court and an appellate court or "Law Court". The new State of Maine also adopted the same lower court structure as existed in Massachusetts, and the court system remained unchanged until 1852. The Probate Courts were created in 1820 as county-based courts and have remained so to date.

The Court Reorganization Act of 1852 increased the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court to encompass virtually every type of case, increased the number of justices and authorized the justices to travel in circuits.

The next major change in the system came in 1929, when the Legislature created the statewide Superior Court to relieve the overburdened Supreme Judicial Court. Meanwhile, the lower courts continued to operate much as they always had until 1961 when the municipal courts and the trial justices system was abolished and the new District Court created. The most recent change to the Maine Judicial System occurred in 1978 with the addition of the Administrative Court.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT AND LAW COURT

The Supreme Judicial Court is the governing body of the Judicial Department, and as the Law Court is the court of final appeal. The Law Court hears appeals of civil and criminal cases from the Superior Court, appeals from all final judgments, orders and decrees of the Probate Court, appeals of decisions of the Public Utilities Commission and the Workers Compensation Commission's Appellate Division, interlocutory criminal appeals and appeals of decisions of a single justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. A justice of the Supreme Judicial Court has jurisdiction to hear non-jury civil actions, except divorce or annulment of marriage, and can be assigned by the chief justice to hear Superior Court cases in general, including post-conviction matters. In addition, single justices handle both admission to the bar and bar disciplinary proceedings. The justices of the Supreme Judicial Court make decisions regarding legislative apportionment and render advisory opinions concerning important questions of law on solemn occasions when requested by the governor, Senate or House of Representatives. Three members of the Supreme Judicial Court serve as the Appellate Division for the review of criminal sentences of one year or more.

By statute, the chief justice is head of the Judicial Department, and the Supreme Judicial Court has general administrative and supervisory authority over the Judicial Department.

The Supreme Judicial Court has seven members: the chief justice and six associate justices. The justices are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. The Court determines the number, time and place of its terms depending on the volume of cases. The Court sits in Portland four times a year and in Bangor twice a year. These terms run from two to three weeks, covering 50 to 60 cases.

Upon retirement, a Supreme Judicial Court justice may be appointed an active retired justice by the governor for a seven year term, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the chief justice, an active retired justice has the same authority as an active justice. There are three active retired justices on the Supreme Judicial Court.

SUPERIOR COURT

The Superior Court was created by the legislature in 1929 as Maine's trial court of general jurisdiction. The court has original jurisdiction over all matters (either exclusively or concurrently with other courts) that are not within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court or within the exclusive jurisdiction of the District Court. This is the only court in which civil and criminal jury trials are held. In addition, justices of this court hear appeals on questions of law from the District Court and from the Administrative Court.

There are 14 justices of the Superior Court who hold sessions of the Court in each of the 16 counties. The justices are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. For administrative purposes, the State had been divided into three regions, with the chief justice appointing a regional presiding justice for each region. However, during 1983, legislation was enacted which eliminated the regional presiding justice positions and created the position of a single chief justice for the Superior Court, effective January 1, 1984.

Upon retirement, a Superior Court justice may be appointed an active retired justice by the governor for a seven year term, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the Superior Court chief justice, an active retired justice has the same authority as an active justice. There is one active retired justice in the Superior Court.

DISTRICT COURT

The District Court was created by the legislature in 1961 as Maine's court of limited jurisdiction. The Court has original jurisdiction in non-felony criminal cases, traffic infractions and civil violations, can accept guilty pleas in felony cases and conducts probable cause hearings in felony cases. The Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court in divorce cases and non-equitable civil cases involving not more than $30,000, and also may grant equitable relief in cases of unfair trade practices. The District Court is the small claims court (for cases involving not more than $1000) and the juvenile court. In addition, the Court hears mental health, forceable entry and detainer, quiet title and foreclosure cases. It is the only court available for the enforcement of money judgments.

There are 21 judges of the District Court; the chief judge, who is designated by the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, six judges-at-large who serve throughout the state, and 14 resident judges who sit within the 13 districts of the court. The judges are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, District Court judges may also sit in the Superior Court.

Upon retirement, a District Court judge may be appointed an active retired judge by the governor for a seven year term, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the chief judge, an active retired judge has the same authority as an active judge. There are six active retired judges in the District Court.

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

The Administrative Court was created by the legislature in 1973 and became a part of the Judicial Department on July 1, 1978. Prior thereto the Administrative Court had jurisdiction over suspension and revocation of licenses by a specific list of executive agencies. Effective July 1, 1978, the legislature substantially expanded the jurisdiction of the Administrative Court. Other than in emergency situations, the Administrative Court was granted exclusive jurisdiction upon complaint of an agency or, if the licensing agency fails or refuses to act within a reasonable time, upon complaint of the Attorney General, to revoke or suspend licenses issued by the agency, and original jurisdiction upon complaint of a licensing agency to determine whether renewal or issuance of a license of that agency may be refused. Effective in 1983, the Administrative Court also has exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals from disciplinary decisions of the Real Estate Commission.

There are two judges of the Administrative Court; the Administrative Court Judge and the Associate Administrative Court Judge. The judges must be lawyers and are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. On assignment by the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, Administrative Court judges may also sit in the District Court and in the Superior Court.

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COURT CASELOAD

OVERVIEW

Caseloads throughout Maine's state court system have undergone significant changes during the past several years. There are characteristic differences in 1983 court caseload compared to that of the 1970's, but these changes are difficult to quantify. For instance, statistics cannot demonstrate the degree to which civil litigation has become increasingly complex, a belief shared by judges and attorneys alike. It is often impossible to document the actual impact of new laws affecting procedures in current cases, as well as legislation creating brand new types of cases. The number of Maine attorneys has risen by 65% since 1974, and the number of attorneys in the State Attorney General's and District Attorneys' offices has increased by 131% and 61% respectively since 1973, all of which are evidence of the greater litigiousness of today's society.

Nonetheless, the following statistical analyses should provide one with an understanding of the composition and status of the state court caseload. These statistics are the product of the manual and computerized statistical reporting systems operating in each of the four state courts. More detailed figures are published in the statistical appendices to this report.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT (LAW COURT)

The Supreme Judicial Court (Law Court), Maine's highest court and the court of final appeal, has experienced over an 80% increase in incoming filings since 1976, rising from the 269 filings reported during that year to 486 filings in 1983. The Court has demonstrated its ability to meet this increased demand by disposing of more than twice the number of cases in 1983 than in 1976. The 480 dispositions occurring in 1983 were comprised of six types of cases:

	Number of Cases	Percent of Total	Number of Written Opinions Published	Percent of Total
Criminal	144	30.0	105	36.4
Public Utilities Commission	5	1.0	4	1.4
Workers Compensation	42	8.8	4	1.4
Other Administrative Proceedings	48	10.0	35	12.2
All Other Civil	214	44.6	132	45.8
Discretionary Appeals	27	5.6	8	2.8
TOTAL	480	100.0	288	100.0

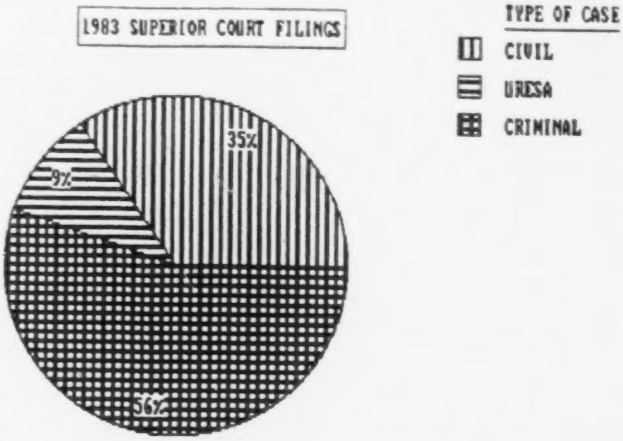
The total time from notice of appeal to decision averages approximately nine and one-half months, broken down as follows:

	Average Number of Days
Notice of Appeal to Completion of Record (clerk and court reporter-time)	70.5
Completion of Record to Completion of Briefing (attorney-time)	83.7
Completion of Briefing to Oral Argument (scheduling lag and pre-argument preparation)	60.3
Oral Argument to Disposition (judicial-time)	74.1

Three justices serve as the Appellate Division to review criminal sentences of one year or more. During the last four years there have been about 50 cases filed in this Division each year. In 1983, there were 48 cases disposed, of which 2 were withdrawn, 12 were dismissed, 31 were denied, and 3 resulted in reduced sentences.

SUPERIOR COURT

The Superior Court serves as Maine's trial court of general jurisdiction. Its statistics represent the most complete court data collection system in the state, allowing for very detailed caseload analysis. 1983 marks the first time in recent history that dispositions have exceeded filings, resulting in an actual decrease in pending caseload. Over half of the 16,647 cases filed in the Superior Court during 1983 were criminal cases, while civil and URESA (Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act) cases accounted for 35% and 9% respectively.



Statewide, 1983 is the second consecutive year in which civil dispositions exceeded civil filings. This appears to be largely the result of filings decreasing over the past two years while the number of cases disposed remained remarkably stable. There were a total of 6100 civil dispositions in 1983, of which over 45% were dismissed upon agreement of the parties. An additional 13% were dismissed by the court after two years of inaction. The 207 civil jury trials held in 1983 accounted for about 3% of all dispositions. Each Superior Court location reported that civil cases required an average of over one year to reach disposition, ranging from 375 days in Lincoln to more than 600 days in Cumberland, Waldo and Washington. When reviewing similar figures for only those cases proceeding to jury trial, the averages were much higher. In 1983, it took an average of over two and one-half years for a civil case to be tried by a jury, but it should be noted that the timeframe from filing to pre-trial memorandum required over one year. The latter is a stage of civil case processing over which the courts have little control.

The filing of URESA cases in the Superior Court rose slightly since 1982 but still represents a significant decline from levels in previous years. Nonetheless, URESA pending caseload has continued to rise due to decreased disposition rates.

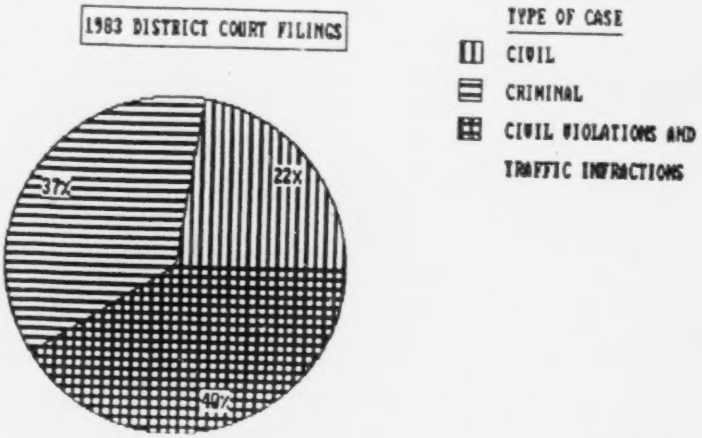
The number of criminal filings has stabilized since 1982, but dispositions reached an all-time high of 9289 in 1983, resulting in a 33-case decline in pending caseload. The composition of the criminal caseload has changed during the past few years, as evidenced by the increase in the number of transfers and the corresponding decrease in appeals from the District Court. This has been largely the result of the implementation after January 1, 1982 of the so-called "single trial law" which provided that in Class D and E proceedings, the defendant may waive his right to jury trial and elect to be tried in the District Court, in which case an appeal to the Superior Court following trial and conviction in the District Court can be only on questions of law.

The rate of transfers varied markedly throughout the state, ranging from 33.6% of Penobscot's criminal caseload to over 60% of the criminal caseloads in Franklin, Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc. Cases involving murder, Class A Class B and Class C crimes (generally called felonies) constituted 34% of the state's criminal caseload.

There were a total of 9522 defendant-cases disposed during 1983. Defendants were convicted in 55.6% of all cases, while dismissals by either the court or the District Attorney accounted for 33.7% of all dispositions. Of the 5294 convictions, over 90% were by plea of guilty. There were 405 criminal jury trials during 1983, which represented about 4% of all criminal case dispositions. Indictments took an average of about 7 months to reach a jury trial, ranging from about 4 months in Hancock to 13 months in Waldo. Six and one-half months was the average timeframe for transfers to reach jury trial, ranging from 3.9 months in York to over 13 months in Hancock.

DISTRICT COURT

District Court caseload has fluctuated considerably over the past five years. Filings were recorded as 235,386 in 1979, gradually dropped to a low of 215,471 in 1982, and rose to 227,920 during 1983. Small claims cases have risen dramatically in recent years, while civil violations and traffic infractions continue to comprise a large portion of the District Court's total caseload. Case filings ranged from less than 2,000 cases in Fort Kent, Madawaska, Van Buren, Bar Harbor and Livermore Falls to 44,344 in Portland. The District Court's Electronic Recording Division reports that there were 7298 recordings made during 1983, a 22.5% increase over 1982.



ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

The Administrative Court has jurisdiction over the suspension and revocation of administrative agency licenses. During the early 1980's, this court's caseload consistently decreased, but in 1983, the 349 filings marked a return to the 1979 caseload level. Of the 320 cases disposed by the Administrative Court, over 90% (290) were Bureau of Liquor Enforcement cases, 13 were Harness Racing Commission cases, and the balance concerned other miscellaneous agencies. In addition to their own caseload, the two Administrative Court judges devoted about two weeks each month to assist the trial courts, by conducting 903 hearings for the District Court and 48 hearings for the Superior Court during 1983.

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COURT MEDIATION SERVICE

The Court Mediation Service provides an alternative method of resolving disputes by enabling the contesting parties to participate in reaching a settlement. The Service was initiated in 1977 as an experiment to accelerate the resolution of small claims cases. Since that time, the mediators' caseload has been expanded to include landlord-tenant, disclosure, and domestic cases, resulting in the resolution of thousands of cases which otherwise would have required the use of more costly judicial resources.

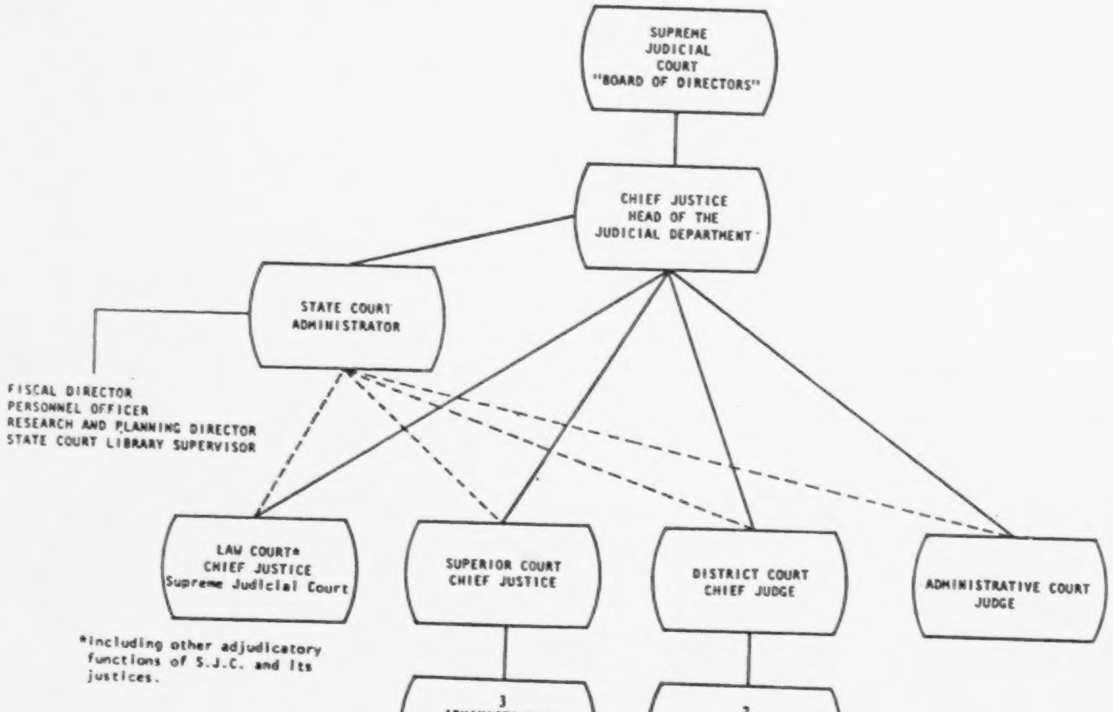
During 1983, a total of 1230 cases were mediated. This figure includes 350 domestic cases (divorce and child custody) and 880 non-domestic cases, the latter of which reflects small claims, landord-tenant, and disclosure cases. The dispositions of mediated cases are as follows:

	Resolved by Mediator	Referred to Judge	Other	Total
District Court				
Domestic	143	43	95	281
Non-Domestic	534	256	89	879
Sub-Total	677	299	184	1160
Superior Court				
Domestic	30	10	29	69
Non-Domestic	1	-	-	1
Sub-Total	31	10	29	70
All Courts				
Domestic	173	53	124	350
Non-Domestic	535	256	89	880
TOTAL	708	309	213	1230

COURT ADMINISTRATION

The administrative structure of the Maine Judicial Department is similar to that of a corporation. The Supreme Judicial Court serves as the Department's "board of directors" and by statute has general administrative and supervisory authority over the Department. This authority is exercised by promulgating rules, issuing administrative orders, establishing policies and procedures, and generally advising the chief justice. The chief justice is designated as head of the Judicial Department and is assisted by the state court administrator. Each of the four operating courts has a single administrative head, responsible to the chief justice, who also heads the Law Court. There is a chief justice of the Superior Court, a chief judge of the District Court and a chief judge of the Administrative Court. The position of Superior Court chief justice actually became effective on January 1, 1984, but this new administrative structure was gradually implemented during the latter half of 1983. Prior to that time, the Superior Court was administered by three regional presiding justices. The chiefs in the Superior Court and District Court are assisted by three court administrators and two court administrators respectively. The chiefs and the administrators meet at least every other month to address administrative policy issues, although each court's chief meets with his respective administrators on a more frequent basis.

STATE OF MAINE
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE


SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT "BOARD OF DIRECTORS"
CHIEF JUSTICE HEAD OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR
FISCAL DIRECTOR
PERSONNEL OFFICER
RESEARCH AND PLANNING DIRECTOR
STATE COURT LIBRARY SUPERVISOR
LAW COURT* CHIEF JUSTICE Supreme Judicial Court
SUPERIOR COURT CHIEF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT CHIEF JUDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT JUDGE
3 ADMINISTRATORS OF SUPERIOR COURT
2 REGIONAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS

*Including other adjudicatory functions of S.J.C. and its justices.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

OVERVIEW

The Administrative Office of the Courts was created in 1975. The office is directed by the state court administrator who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the chief justice. The Administrative Office staff is appointed by the state court administrator with the approval of the chief justice, and includes the following positions:

- Accountant
- Accounting Clerks (2)
- Assistant Accountant
- Fiscal Director
- Personnel Officer
- Research and Planning Director
- Secretaries (2)
- State Court Library Supervisor

Pursuant to 4 M.R.S.A. § 17, the state court administrator's responsibilities are as follows:

1. **Continuous survey and study.** Carry on a continuous survey and study of the organization, operation, condition of business, practice and procedure of the Judicial Department and make recommendations to the Chief Justice concerning the number of judges and other judicial personnel required for the efficient administration of justice. Assist in long and short range planning;

2. **Examine the status of dockets.** Examine the status of dockets of all courts so as to determine cases and other judicial business that have been unduly delayed. From such reports, the administrator shall indicate which courts are in need of additional judicial personnel and make recommendations to the Chief Justice and to the Chief Judge of the District Court concerning the assignment or reassignment of personnel to courts that are in need of such personnel. The administrator shall also carry out the directives of the Chief Justice as to the assignment of personnel in these instances;

3. **Investigate complaints.** Investigate complaints with respect to the operation of the courts;

4. **Examine statistical systems.** Examine the statistical systems of the courts and make recommendations for a uniform system of judicial statistics. The administrator shall also collect and analyze statistical and other data relating to the business of the courts;

5. **Prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, etc.** Prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, systems, forms, docketing and records to be used in the Supreme Judicial Court, in the Superior Court and, with the written approval of the Chief Judge of the District Court, in the District Court;

6. **Implement standards and policies set by the Chief Justice.** Implement standards and policies set by the Chief Justice regarding hours of court, the assignment of term parts and justices;

7. **Act as fiscal officer.** Act as fiscal officer of the courts and in so doing:

   a. Maintain fiscal controls and accounts of funds appropriated for the Judicial Department;

   b. Prepare all requisitions for the payment of state moneys appropriated for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department;

   c. Prepare budget estimates of state appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department and make recommendations with respect thereto;

   d. Collect statistical and other data and make reports to the Chief Justice and to the Chief Judge of the District Court relating to the expenditures of public moneys for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department;

   e. Develop a uniform set of accounting and budgetary accounts for the Supreme Judicial Court, for the Superior Court and, with the written approval of the Chief Judge of the District Court, for the District Court and serve as auditor of the Judicial Department;

8. **Examine arrangements for use and maintenance of court facilities.** Examine the arrangements for the use and maintenance of court facilities and supervise the purchase, distribution, exchange and transfer of judicial equipment and supplies thereof;

9. **Act as secretary.** Act as secretary to the Judicial Conference;

10. **Submit an annual report.** Submit an annual report to the Chief Justice, Legislature and Governor of the activities and accomplishments of the office for the preceding calendar year;

11. **Maintain liaison.** Maintain liaison with executive and legislative branches and other public and private agencies whose activities impact the Judicial Department;

12. **Prepare and plan clerical offices.** Prepare and plan for the organization and operation of clerical offices serving the Superior Court and, at the request of the Chief Judge of the District Court, the District Court within each county; provide for a central clerk of court office at each county seat with satellite clerk in each court;

13. **Implement preservice and inservice educational and training programs.** Develop and implement preservice and inservice educational and training programs for nonjudicial personnel of the Judicial Department; and,

14. **Perform duties and attend other matters.** Perform such other duties and attend to such other matters consistent with the powers delegated herein assigned to him by the Chief Justice and the Supreme Judicial Court.

FISCAL

The expenditure and revenue data are presented for the State fiscal year ended June 30th. The Judicial Department operates from the State general funds which are appropriated by the legislature. It also administers several grants from public sources.

As shown by Graph F-5, there has been a steady increase since FY'77 (the first year for which comparable data was collected and reported) in both expenditures and revenues for the courts at all levels. Total expenditures for the courts have increased 101.3% from $6,516,431 in FY'77 to $13,703,927 in FY'83. Revenues have increased 80.3% from $5,775,643 in FY'77 to $10,415,170 in FY'83.

Expenditures

Judicial Department expenditures for FY'83 totalled $13,707,628 which is an increase of 13.1% over the previous year. The following is a summary of expenditures by Department subdivision:

COMPARATIVE EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30TH

TABLE F-1

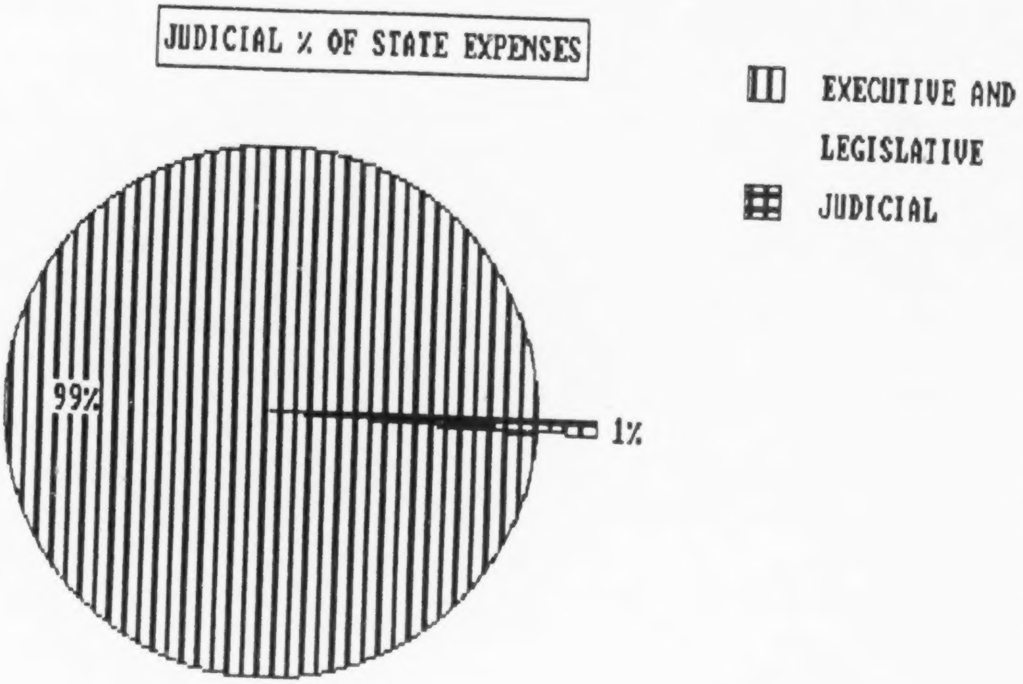
Subdivision	FY 1982	FY 1983	% Change
Judicial Council	$ 6,011	$ 6,313	5.0
Supreme Judicial Court	1,230,911	1,380,793	12.2
Superior Court	4,963,120	5,732,133	15.5
District Court	5,281,457	5,959,439	12.8
Administrative Court	150,760	162,531	7.8
Administrative Office of the Courts	294,699	327,729	11.2
*Special Projects	120,088	3,701	-96.9
Other Department Activities	71,870	134,989	87.8
TOTAL	$12,118,916	$13,707,628	13.1

As in prior years, statutory payments to County Law Libraries have been included within Superior Court expenditures.

*Special Projects which were administered with federal monies during the fiscal year were as follows:

- Judicial Training	$2,856
- Records Management	845
TOTAL	$3,701

GRAPH F-2



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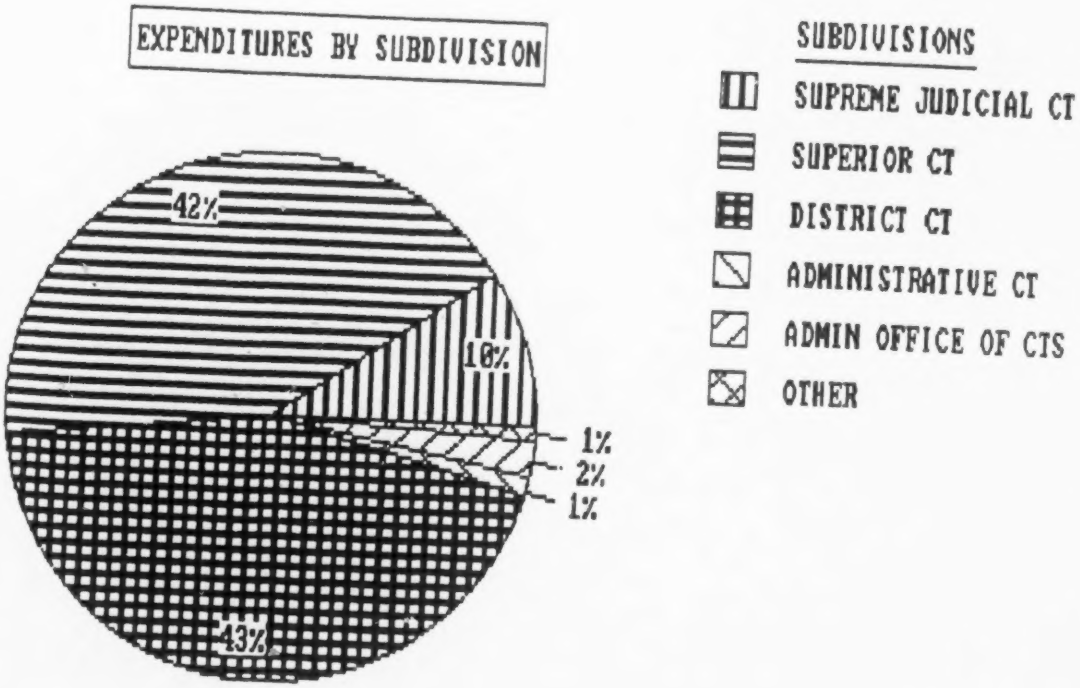
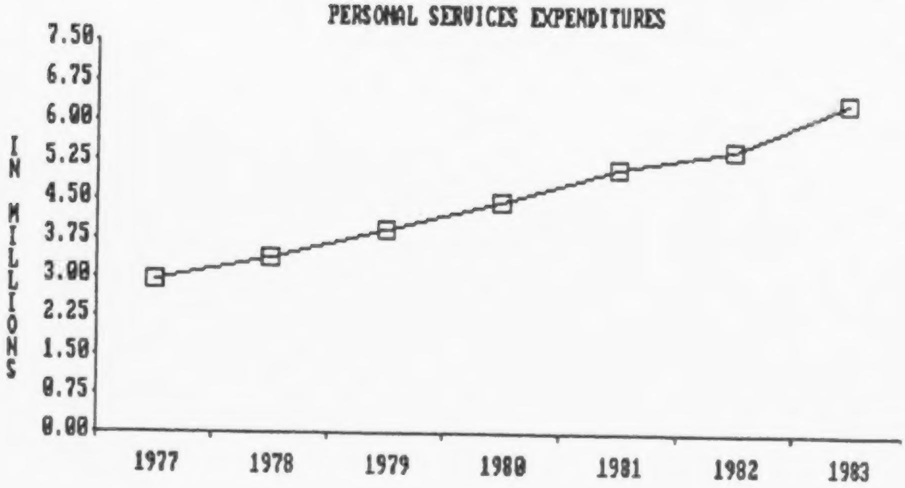


EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

GRAPH F-4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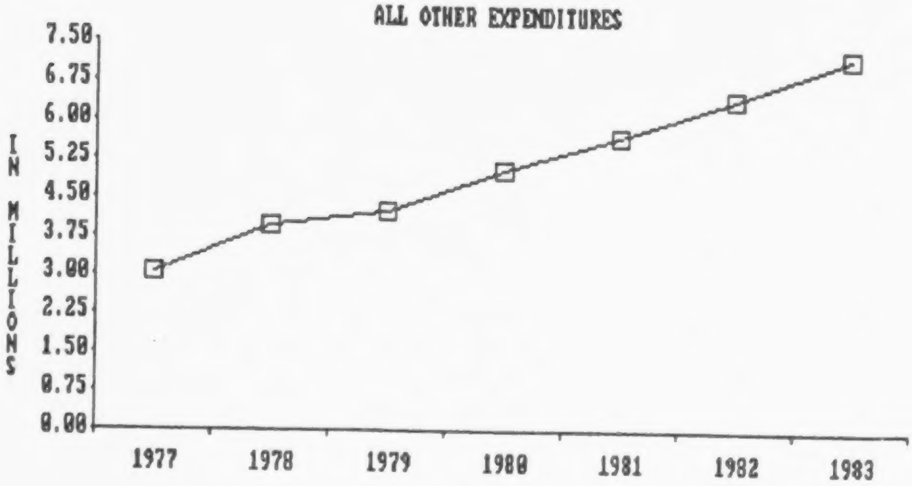
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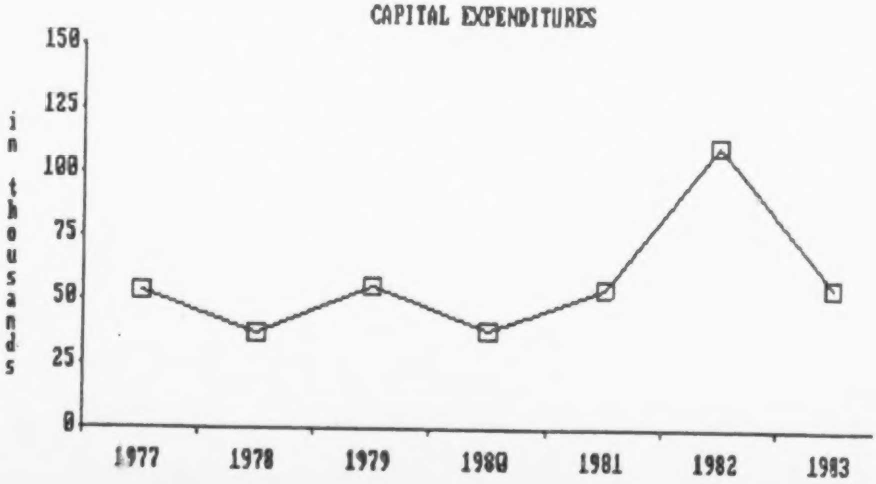
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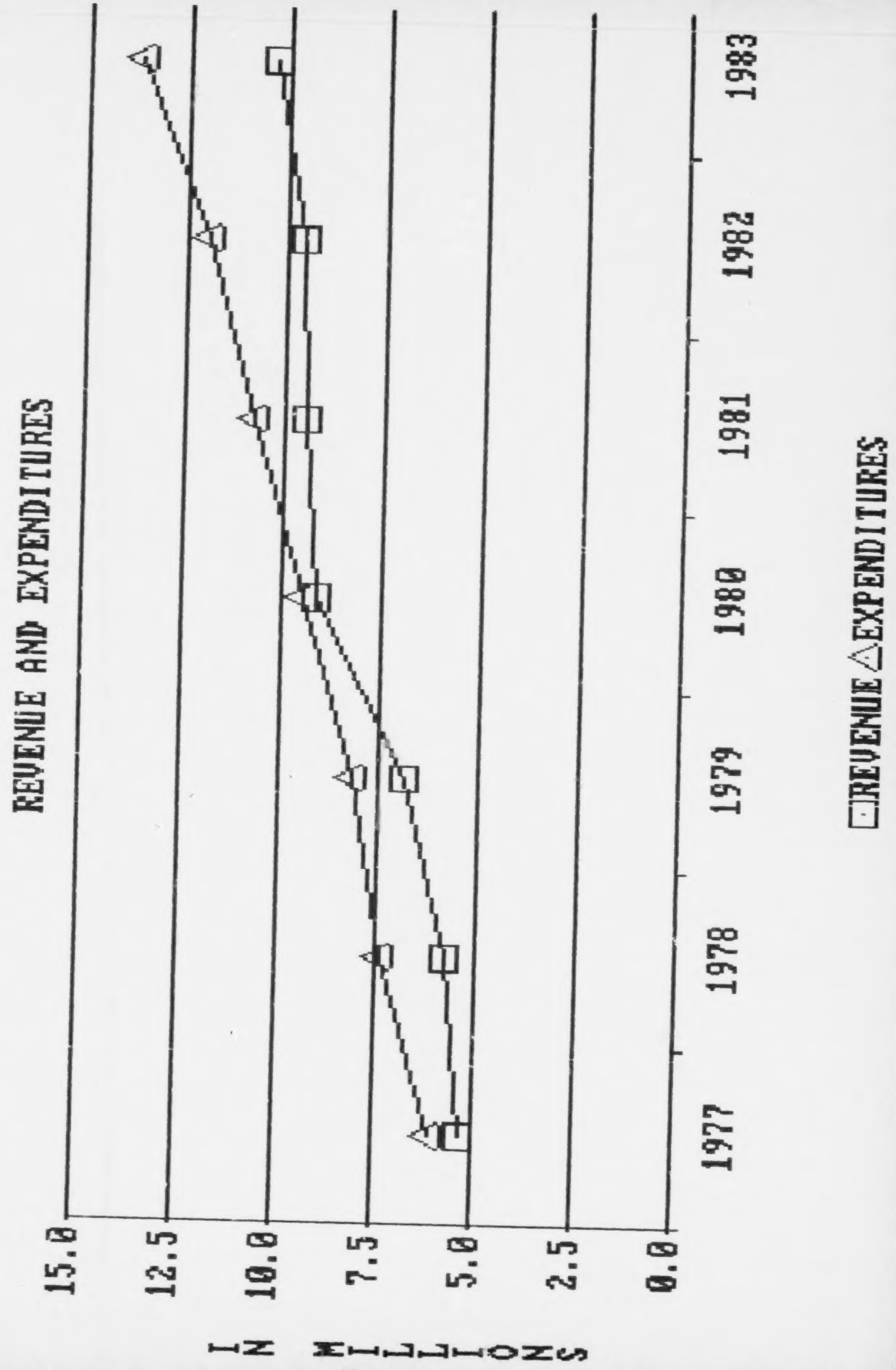
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Revenue

Judicial Department gross revenue for FY'83 totalled $10,415,170. Table F-6 below identifies a source breakdown of that revenue for FY'80, FY'81, FY'82 and FY'83, and the percent change. Revenue and percent change by court location is shown in Tables F-7 and F-9.

All funds collected by the Judicial Department, except project grants, go into the State General Fund. A relatively small proportion of these funds consist of fines for specific violations of law which are dedicated to certain agencies. A comparative summary of dedicated fines by fiscal year is also shown below.

COMPARATIVE REVENUE SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30TH

TABLE F-6

REVENUE	1980	1981	% Change	1982	% Change	1983	% Change
- Superior Court*	$ 593,528	$ 726,558	22.4	$ 775,015	6.7	$ 731,544	-5.6
- District Court**	8,552,812	8,641,521	1.0	8,759,009	1.4	9,599,392	9.6
- Administrative Court**	41,545	52,130	25.5	72,903	39.8	50,113	-31.3
- Miscellaneous	24,468	29,270	19.6	31,801	8.6	34,121	7.3
	$9,212,353	$9,449,479	2.6	$9,638,728	2.0	$10,415,170	8.1
Less: Dedicated Revenue							
- Dept. of Transportation	$ 277,184	$ 349,283		$ 407,627		$ 484,685	
- Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	265,369	253,349		274,830		258,016	
- Public Utilities Commission/Trans.Safety Fund	80,068	102,220		76,032		80,014	
- Municipalities	33,347	28,055		44,127		48,089	
- Dept. of Agriculture	11,050	4,535		20		-	
- Dept. of Conservation	5,345	4,260		4,955		5,800	
- Miscellaneous Agencies	3,885	335		4,759		4,405	
Total Dedicated Revenue	(676,248)	(742,037)	9.7	(812,350)	9.5	(881,009)	8.5
Net General Fund Revenue	$8,536,105	$8,707,442	2.0	$8,826,378	1.4	$9,534,161	8.0
Revenue for Special Projects							
- Special Project Grants	$ 72,138	$ 212,000		$ 124,514		$ -	

Note: This information is prepared on a cash basis and does not take into consideration any accruals.

*Revenue and percent change by Superior Court locations is shown Table F-7 and Graph F-8.

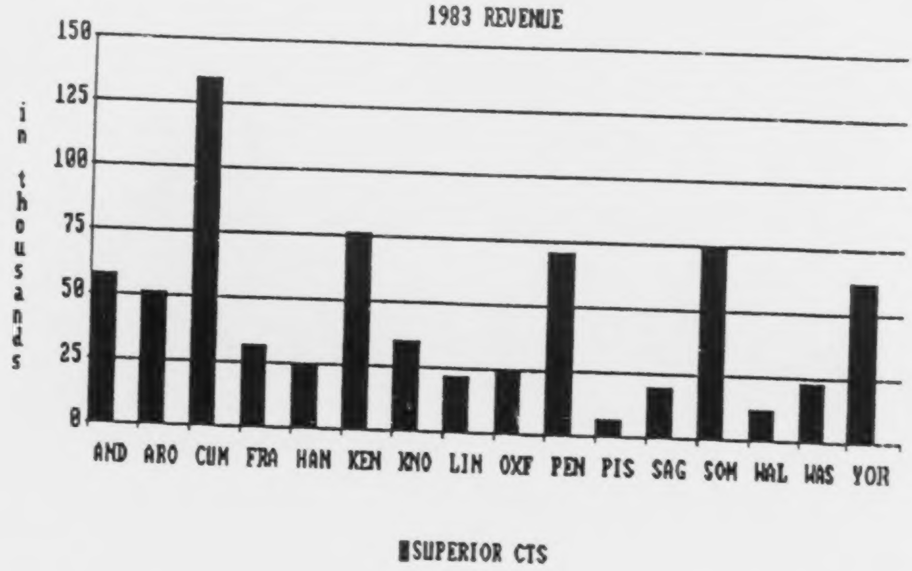
**Revenue and percent change by District Court, also including the Administrative Court is shown in Table F-9.

COMPARATIVE REVENUE SUMMARY FOR SUPERIOR COURTS
FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30TH

TABLE F-7

Superior Court (County)	Location (City/Town)	1980 Revenue	1981 Revenue	% Change 1980-1981	1982 Revenue	% Change 1981-1982	1983 Revenue	% Change 1982 - 1983
Androscoggin	Auburn	$ 20,227	$ 25,360	25.4	$ 24,845	-2.0	$ 58,048	133.6
Aroostook	Houlton	48,176	49,770	3.3	50,166	.8	51,863	3.4
Cumberland	Portland	97,882	100,649	2.8	130,414	29.6	135,205	3.7
Franklin	Farmington	28,429	36,318	27.8	41,470	14.2	32,000	-22.8
Hancock	Ellsworth	24,423	31,033	27.1	30,650	-1.2	25,148	18.0
Kennebec	Augusta	64,598	77,251	19.6	58,674	-24.1	76,655	30.6
Knox	Rockland	20,841	36,591	75.6	35,375	-3.3	34,880	-1.4
Lincoln	Wiscasset	21,599	21,201	-1.8	31,784	49.9	22,433	-29.4
Oxford	South Paris	16,222	18,384	13.3	25,129	36.7	23,683	-5.8
Penobscot	Bangor	78,963	79,469	0.6	46,929	-40.9	71,179	51.7
Piscataquis	Dover-Foxcft.	9,595	10,350	7.9	46,949	353.6	7,183	-84.7
Sagadahoc	Bath	13,079	23,660	80.9	14,586	-38.4	19,712	35.1
Somerset	Skowhegan	83,934	106,028	26.3	141,705	33.6	74,244	-47.6
Waldo	Belfast	12,210	13,043	6.8	11,153	-14.5	12,875	15.4
Washington	Machias	13,471	22,012	63.4	21,413	-2.7	23,453	9.5
York	Alfred	39,879	75,439	89.2	63,773	-15.5	62,983	-1.2
TOTAL		$593,528	$726,558	22.4	$775,015	6.7	$731,544	-5.6

GRAPH F-8



COMPARATIVE REVENUE SUMMARY FOR DISTRICT AND ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS

FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30TH

TABLE F-9

District Court Location:	1980 Revenue	1981 Revenue	% Change 1980 - 1981	1982 Revenue	%Change 1981 - 1982	1983 Revenue	% Change 1982 - 1983
Augusta	$ 562,220	$ 634,190	12.8	$ 660,189	4.1	$ 637,172	-3.5
Bangor	621,798	636,152	2.3	591,413	-7.0	696,147	17.7
Bar Harbor	43,761	51,342	17.3	45,424	-11.5	56,718	24.9
Bath	288,448	260,708	-9.6	231,556	-11.2	252,001	8.8
Belfast	147,583	140,321	-4.9	171,125	22.0	153,893	-10.1
Biddeford	611,326	668,157	9.3	584,889	-12.5	576,567	-1.4
Bridgton	114,612	114,698	.1	109,260	-4.7	130,692	19.6
Brunswick	388,363	372,682	-4.0	381,213	2.3	417,954	9.6
Calais	119,895	105,759	-11.8	90,134	-14.8	134,619	49.4
Caribou	156,592	119,180	-23.9	84,759	-28.9	156,257	84.4
Dover-Foxcroft	131,629	119,518	-9.2	126,817	6.1	147,651	16.4
Ellsworth	170,389	177,384	4.1	193,658	9.2	307,758	58.9
Farmington	168,970	231,527	37.0	236,886	2.3	288,931	22.0
Fort Kent	69,278	74,521	7.6	70,900	-4.9	63,569	-10.3
Houlton	180,335	215,359	19.4	223,266	3.7	196,224	-12.1
Kittery	452,013	480,407	6.3	451,280	-6.1	524,234	16.2
Lewiston	507,921	469,993	-7.5	558,974	18.9	596,222	6.7
Lincoln	166,344	155,071	-6.8	132,663	-14.5	154,423	16.4
Livermore Falls	47,340	50,043	5.7	55,428	10.8	64,414	16.2
Machias	86,523	80,350	-7.1	79,892	-.6	116,605	46.0
Madawaska	54,657	47,101	-13.8	54,837	16.4	52,583	-4.1
Millinocket	118,355	113,824	-3.8	108,829	-4.4	89,036	-18.2
Newport	204,938	194,609	-5.0	160,866	-17.3	170,738	6.1
Portland	1,361,442	1,375,504	1.0	1,598,275	16.2	1,627,984	1.9
Presque Isle	218,120	188,261	-13.7	189,372	.6	204,829	8.2
Rockland	220,919	197,465	-10.6	227,957	15.4	215,682	-5.4
Rumford	125,347	135,506	8.1	158,428	16.9	155,993	-1.5
Skowhegan	480,707	423,397	-11.9	397,200	-6.2	453,657	14.2
South Paris	87,784	92,687	5.6	86,578	-6.6	84,156	-2.8
Springwale	212,803	226,529	6.5	216,810	-4.3	277,422	28.0
Van Buren	20,441	16,265	-20.4	21,219	30.5	13,941	-34.3
Waterville	237,396	260,507	9.7	259,381	-.4	353,435	36.3
Wiscasset	174,563	212,504	21.7	199,532	-6.1	227,885	14.2
TOTAL	$8,552,812	$8,641,521	1.0	$8,759,010	1.4	$9,599,392	9.6
Administrative Court:							
Portland	41,545	52,130	25.5	72,903	39.9	50,113	-31.3
GRAND TOTAL	$8,594,357	$8,693,651	1.2	$8,831,913	1.6	$9,649,505	9.3

District Court Building Fund

Pursuant to 4.M.R.S.A. §163 (3), $3,000 per month is transferred from the District Court appropriation to the District Court Building Fund. This fund is "to be used solely for the building, remodeling and furnishing of quarters for the District Court....". Monies in this fund are carried forward from year to year.

The balance forwarded from fiscal year 1982 was $22,085. The addition of $36,000 for fiscal year 1983 brought the total available funds to $58,085. Of this amount $37,064 was spent during the year for completion of the Calais, Biddeford, Portland, Bangor renovations, and furnishings for Biddeford, Portland, Lewiston, Rockland, South Paris, Wiscasset, Augusta, Skowhegan, Waterville, Machias, Caribou, Fort Kent, Houlton, and North and South Electronic Recording, leaving a year-end balance of $21,021.

One-Write Accounting System

During 1981, an ad hoc committee comprised of two regional court administrators and the fiscal director was formed to develop a simplified, uniform system of processing cash revenue receipts, cash bail receipts, and disbursements. The committee recommended the establishment of a one-write or pegboard accounting system which was initiated in the Cumberland Superior Court, York Superior Court, and Bath District Court on a pilot basis. By the end of 1982, this system was successfully implemented in Region I of the Superior Court and the Southern Region of the District Court. During 1983, the one-write system was implemented throughout the state.

COURT FACILITIES

During the summer of 1982, the Administrative Office of the Courts reviewed court facility needs statewide, as identified by various studies in the late 1970's. The data were updated and the top priority needs were identified and submitted for consideration by the Bureau of Public Improvements, as had been urged by the Senate chairman of the 110th Legislature's Appropriations Committee. These needs were listed as:

Judicial Department Priority	Project Description
1	Portland District Court Relocation
2	Skowhegan District Court Relocation
3	New Bath-Brunswick District Court or new Brunswick-only District Court
4	New Lincoln-Millinocket District Court or new Lincoln District Court
5	New Kennebec Superior Court

The progress of the Judicial Department in obtaining improved court facilities at these locations in 1983 is detailed below.

Portland District Court

The Ninth District Court located in Portland but serving 12 communities in the Southern Cumberland area is the busiest by far of the 33 District Courts in Maine. Its caseload of about

40,000 is more than double the size of the next largest District Court in the system. Yet, it is attempting to hold court and process its cases with only one courtroom of any size and a second courtroom scarcely larger than a hearing room. Overall, it leases about 6,000 sq. ft. of space in the basement of the Cumberland County courthouse, less than 30% of the amount of space and two courtrooms shy of what national standards indicate is required for a court with this volume of cases.

The Bureau of Public Improvements (BPI) proposed that a study of the space needs of the Ninth District Court (Southern Cumberland) in Portland be conducted in conjunction with a study it advocated to plan a consolidation of all Executive Department agencies in a state office building in Portland. This would have been an alternative to the leasing of separate facilities throughout the city of Portland. The overall study, estimated by the BPI to cost $500,000, ultimately was not funded.

During the spring of 1983, a new plan surfaced to accomodate the state courts' needs for additional space in proximity to the present courthouse. Private developers acquired the development rights to the so-called Woodman Building, an historic structure located adjacent to the courthouse and containing about 50,000 square feet of space on four floors and a basement. The building has been used for some years by a well-known antique dealer for sales and storage of furniture.

Considerable time and effort by both the developers and representatives of the Judicial Department were spent in evaluating the building as a possible solution to the court space problems, culminating in a presentation to the Chief Justice and Governor. Ultimately, it was decided that the cost of having the building renovated by the private developers for purchase by the state was too expensive. The lack of parking was an additional factor that led to a decision not to pursue the idea further.

As the year closed, the Portland court space problems remained the Judicial Department's top priority facility need.

Skowhegan District Court

The Skowhegan District Court operated for years in the basement of the Somerset County courthouse. The facility was inefficient, lacked adequate public waiting room, conference rooms, and generally looked like the renovated boiler room it once was. More fundamentally, it was inaccessible to the handicapped and could not be made accessible easily.

The Town of Skowhegan offered to give to the state for the Somerset Division of Twelvth District Court a nearby site on which sit two former elementary school buildings. An architect evaluated the possibility of remodeling one of the school buildings for the court and concluded it could be done for $350,000. This figure was included in the Governor's 1983-85 Capital Improvement Program as Item #136 (Division B. Essential Projects) and later, was part of a $21 million state and municipal facilities bond issue proposal approved by the 111th Maine Legislature for statewide referendum vote on Tuesday, November 8, 1983. Unfortunately, the bond issue was defeated.

As the year drew to a close, negotiations were underway to locate the Maine District Court at Skowhegan in leased space in a downtown building.

Brunswick District Court

Vying for the dubious distinction as one of Maine's worst court facilities in 1983 was the Brunswick District Court. It has operated in the municipal building since the establishment of the District Court system over 20 years ago with a tiny clerk's office (a dutch door serves as its only public counter) and a small courtroom that serves also as a meeting room for the Town Council and other municipal boards. It occupied about 1,100 square feet as contrasted with national standards that call for over 5,000 square feet of space for a court with over 9,000 case filings annually.

Construction of a district court facility for Brunswick is the most acceptable solution as no buildings of this size suitable for renovation have been identified as available or potentially available in the community. Since the Bath District court is only about 10 miles away, however, and is located in leased space with limited room for expansion and lacking some desirable facilities such as conference rooms, the concept of accomodating both courts in a single facility was identified as potentially the most cost-effective and efficient in providing judicial service to the public and bar in the Brunswick-Bath area.

The BPI determined that such a facility could be constructed for $750,000. Such a figure was included in the Governor's 1983-85 Capital Improvement Program as Item #138. Later, in August, the 111th Legislature included the item as part of a $21 million state and municipal facilities bond issue proposal for submission to the voters statewide on November 8, 1983.

Unfortunately, as noted above with respect to the Skowhegan District Court, the bond referendum failed to be approved by voters statewide, although it was approved by voters in the area served by these courts.

As the year ended, negotiations were underway to move the Brusnwick District Court out of the municipal building where renovations reduced the public lobby space even further, to a temporary location on Stanwood Street. Although the Stanwood Street building will provide only about half of the space necessary to adequately serve the public according to national standards, it will more than double the space available to the court in the municipal building; thus, the facility is acceptable as an interim solution.

Plans also were underway at year's end for a permanent new court facility to include the District Courts of Eastern Cumberland (Brunswick) and Sagadahoc (Bath) and the Sagadahoc Superior Court.

Providing Handicapped Access

The various court facilities studies conducted in the late 1970's identified many court facilities as containing architectural barriers to persons confined to wheelchairs or with limited mobility. These barriers typically involve long flights of stairs that deny handicapped persons entry to the courthouse or restrict movement between floors within a courthouse. Since the Judicial Department does not own the courthouses in which the state Superior Courts are located and does not even have title to the space it occupies within these buildings, it had not undertaken any project to correct these deficiencies, believing it to be a responsibility primarily of the county governments.

Nonetheless, the Maine Association of Handicapped Persons filed suit in Federal District Court late in 1982 against the State of Maine seeking access to all state courts by handicapped or mobility-impaired persons. Conferences commenced in 1983 between various state officials and representatives of the plaintiffs. State officials surveyed all court facilities and identified specifically the alterations that would be required in county courthouses to make them accessible. A plan was prepared by the Bureau of Public Improvements in consultation with the Maine Association of County Commissioners and the Judicial Department for a shared funding by the state and county governments of projects at each courthouse that would provide access to the courts and other public offices on the premises. The estimated costs of all the projects statewide total $1,035,950 with the state share being $720,000.

A bond issue was proposed as the means of funding the state share and the 111th Legislature approved such a proposed issue, subject to statewide referendum on Tuesday, November 8, 1983. Unlike other court related bond issues, the court accessibility bond issue was placed on the referendum ballot by itself and was approved by the voters. As 1983 came to a close, plans were underway to implement the program.

Maine District Courts that are not accessible to the handicapped will be made accessible by requiring alterations to be made at the time leases are renewed. Thirty-two of the 33 District Court locations involved lease facilities. Those that cannot be made accessible will be vacated.

PERSONNEL

The theme for the personnel activity in 1983 of the Department was "gearing up for collective bargaining". The first session of the 111th Legislature passed a law formulating an Advisory Committee to study and recommend a labor relations policy for the courts. (See "Committees of the Judicial Department" section on page 33 for additional information). The Supreme Judicial Court appointed the Advisory Committee and through a series of intensive and extensive meetings with court employees, management representation, and labor officials, the Committee fulfilled its mandated task and reported their recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court, which in turn reported to the Legislature before its 1984 session. A comprehensive labor relations policy for court employees is expected to result in 1984 based upon the efforts of the Advisory Committee and the approval of both the Supreme Judicial Court and the Legislature.

Sweeping changes in the group life insurance program law required a large concentration of time and effort by the accounting and personnel staff. Insurance benefits and premium rates were altered to the degree not seen previously in the multi-year history of the retirement system group life plan.

The personnel officer undertook four job re-classification studies during the year. The personnel officer was able to personally make on-site visitations to all the courts in southern District Court region and most of the Superior and District Courts in Bangor, northward. The first session of the 111th Legislature funded three new positions for the courts, two for the Superior Court and one for the District Court.

JUDICIAL RESOURCES

Judicial Scheduling

In the District Court, resident judges serve in the district to which they are appointed by the governor, although occasionally they may assist in other districts in emergency instances. There are six at-large judges who are scheduled by the deputy chief judge on a monthly basis. Five District Court locations require the services of an at-large judge every month, leaving one judge available to cover special assignments and vacancies due to illness, vacations, and educational conferences, and to assist courts experiencing particular backlog problems.

Superior Court justices are assigned throughout the state on a yearly basis by the chief justice of the Superior Court, although justices serve primarily in a few courts for most of the year. On a monthly or bi-monthly basis, the court administrators, in coordination with justices, clerks, and attorneys, prepare schedules detailing the daily work of justices and court reporters, for approval by the chief justice. During 1983, various experiments were undertaken involving trailing lists, extended lists, and docket calls in an effort to improve case management and expedite case disposition.

Use of Active Retired Justices and Judges

Upon retirement, any justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or Superior Court, or any judge of the District Court, may be appointed by the governor to active retired status. These members of the judiciary render invaluable service by their availability to serve throughout the state assisting overburdened courts. During 1983, the three active retired Supreme Judicial Court justices and six active retired District Court judges served a total of 796 days in the state courts.

Judicial Resources Report

In December 1983, the Judicial Policy Committee issued a report evaluating the adequacy of current judicial staffing levels in the Maine trial courts. The Committee concluded that both the Superior Court and District Court were severely understaffed, and recommended that each court be supplemented by three new judgeships and that this request be submitted to the 111th Legislature convening in 1984. (See "Committees of the Judicial Department" section on page 34 for additional information.)

JUDICIAL EDUCATION

The Sixth Maine Judicial Conference was held on September 12th and 13th at Sebasco Estates, Maine. As provided in the State Statutes, (4 M.R.S.A., Section 471) the conference was attended by Maine justices and judges who are required to ".....advise and consult with the Supreme Judicial Court and chief justice on matters affecting the administration of the Judicial Department....".

The featured event of the conference was a video tape presentation and two-way commentary on hearsay evidence conducted by Perham Williams, Dean of the University of Mississippi Law Center. The dinner banquet speaker was the Hon. Stephen G. Breyer, U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit. On the second day of the conference, each court held separate meetings with their colleagues to discuss various administrative concerns. In the afternoon of the same day, at the luncheon banquet, the justices, judges, and other participants were addressed by His Excellency, Joseph E. Brennan, Governor of Maine.

Both basic and graduate level continuing education needs for individual members of the judiciary were addressed in 1983. Four newly appointed judges attended general orientation courses. Four senior judges attended graduate programs dealing with search and seizure, criminal evidence, and juvenile and family law. Other members of the judiciary attended, participated or presented at professional association meetings and conferences at various times throughout the year. Topics dealt with at the seminars or conferences included subjects of a contemporary nature such as alcohol/drug abuse, alternative sentencing methods, and the most recent law cases on "asbestos litigation".

NON-JUDICIAL EDUCATION

Seven clerks of court and first-time supervisors attended a program on basic supervision in the fall of 1983 held in Portland. Two official court reporters participated at the National Shorthand Reporters Association Conference in August, which provided a potential opportunity for recruiting court reporters for the Maine court system.

The annual Clerk of Courts Conference was held in September in conjunction with the annual Judicial Conference. Clerks of all Maine courts, secretaries, and official court reporters were exposed to the basics of labor relations, both by a formal presentation and the opportunity to meet with the Advisory Committee on Collective Bargaining for Judicial Employees. Other topics covered at the Clerks' Conference ranged from court mediation services, general administrative procedures, expanded small claims court time, to such "nuts and bolts" subjects as the use of new docket sheets.

Administrative members of the Department attended a two-day orientation session on computers in the courts, sponsored by the National Center for State Courts. The state law librarian participated in a Library of Congress program on management communication in June. In the early and late fall, three bailiffs were trained at a court security seminar sponsored by the U.S. Marshall's Service.

COURT AUTOMATION

The close of 1983 brought with it considerable optimism for computerizing Maine's trial courts during the next several years. During the summer of 1983, the State of Maine became eligible for federal Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds to expedite the processing of drunk-driving (OUI) cases. The Administrative Office submitted an application to the Maine Bureau of Safety, in the hope that funds could be made available to begin computerizing OUI case processing and linkages between the courts and the Secretary of State Motor Vehicle Division. At year end, the Judicial Department also had applied for limited funds from the Maine Criminal Justice Planning and Assistance Agency for this purpose.

The Biddeford District Court's IBM Display-Writer word processing system was evaluated, resulting in major changes to their file configuration and the addition of two printers. A pilot project was developed and implemented in the Bangor District Court which enabled the court to access information from both Motor Vehicle Division and the State Police's State Bureau of Identification files via computer terminal.

JURY MANAGEMENT

In 1982, the Superior Court began using the State Motor Vehicle Division computer list as a source for jurors. This list consists of licensed drivers, identification card holders, and persons requesting to be included on the source list in order to be considered for jury service. During 1983, this system continued to be a time saver in clerks' offices when the computer was programmed to print juror names directly onto qualification questionnaires, eliminating the need for clerks to manually affix labels to those forms. Also during 1983, the Supreme Judicial Court promulgated a Jury System Management Plan in compliance with 14 M.R.S.A. §1251-A, which provides written documentation of jury selection and management in the Maine Superior Court.

There are two systems used by the Superior Court for the qualification and summoning of prospective jurors. Three courts are using a "one-step qualification/summoning" process whereby jurors are sent qualification questionnaires and summonses at the same time, approximately one month prior to the jury session. Juror yield (i.e., the percentage of persons actually serving as jurors) was about 50%, which means that one-half of all persons contacted for prospective jury service actually served as jurors. Persons who were disqualified, excused, postponed or exempted accounted for about 45%, while mailings not receiving a response or returned by the post office as undeliverable were responsible for the remaining 5%.

"Two-step qualification/summoning" occurs in the remaining 13 courts. This process entails a single mailing of qualification questionnaires to all persons selected for the master list during a given period (usually one year). Periodically throughout the year, summonses are then sent to persons who were previously determined to be qualified. Juror yield in the 13 courts averaged 40%, ranging from under 40% in Washington and York to over 50% in Lincoln and Piscataquis.

More detailed juror summoning and qualification data are included in Appendix III of this report.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

During 1983, the state court administrator appointed a Task Force on Records Management and Court Exhibits to draft court policies and procedures for Supreme Judicial Court review. The Task Force completed an inventory of all court-related records and with the assistance of two law student interns, summarized state laws and court rules relating to court records and prepared a preliminary draft of a proposed records retention and disposition schedule. Drafts of such schedules were prepared for administrative, fiscal and personnel records.

"COURT CRIER" NEWSLETTER

In keeping with other state court systems throughout the country, the Maine Judicial Department began publication of an informational newsletter to apprise court employees and other interested persons of happenings in the court system. The first issue disseminated in October 1983 was followed by a December issue, but it is expected that a monthly publication schedule will be instituted during 1984.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

During 1983, the Administrative Office of the Courts has continued the practice of preparing a weekly status list of all legislation of concern to the Judicial Department. This list is disseminated to the Supreme Judicial Court, the Judicial Department Legislation Committee, the Judicial Council Legislative Committee and all administrative staff. Throughout each legislative session, the Administrative Office of the Courts reviews all proposed legislation which may impact the Judicial Department and prepares fiscal and programmatic impact statements. Such documentation can require weeks of staff time to compile and analyze pertinent information, and to consult with the Judicial Department Legislation Committee and appropriate persons. It is estimated that the equivalent of one full-time position is devoted to responding to these and other legislative requests from January through May of each year.

1983 LEGISLATIVE AND RULE HIGHLIGHTS

Court Jurisdiction

- The District Court now has original jurisdiction, concurrent with the Superior Court, to grant restitution as well as equitable relief in cases of unfair trade practices. (4 MRSA §152).

- The District Court's civil jurisdiction increased from $20,000 to $30,000. (4 MRSA §152).

- The Administrative Court now has exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals from disciplinary decisions of the Real Estate Commission. Such jurisdiction was previously in the Superior Court. (4 MRSA §1151 (2-A)).

Court Employees

- Court employees may engage in collective bargaining, and an Advisory Committee was established to study and recommend a court labor relations policy. (4 MRSA §31-32).

Judiciary

- Administrative Court judges may be assigned to sit in the Superior Court, upon order by the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. (4 MRSA §157-C).

- A new position of chief justice of the Superior Court has been created, replacing the three regional presiding justice positions. (4 MRSA §101-A).

Jurors

- Smoking is prohibited in jury rooms unless all members present have given their consent for others to smoke. (22 MRSA §1579).

Filing Fees

- The Supreme Judicial Court amended the Rules of Civil Procedure, District Court Civil Rules and Rules of Probate Procedure to increase court fees. Primarily, the filing fee in District Court increased from $5.00 to $10.00, the filing fee in Superior Court increased from $10.00 to $25.00, and a new filing fee of $50.00 was instituted for appeals to the Law Court.

Small Claims

- A small claims night court was established by providing that "each District Court shall be available for at least one hour, one evening each month, or one hour on one Saturday each month, for the hearing of small claims". (4 MRSA §181).

COMMITTEES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

There are numerous functional committees within the Judicial Department. The purpose of these committees, which include judges, lawyers, and private citizens, is to assist the Supreme Judicial Court, as well as the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Superior Court chief justice, and the District Court chief judge in carrying out their respective responsibilities. The list below represents all committees organized by appointing authority, with narrative descriptions of selected committees appearing on the following pages.

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Board of Overseers of the Bar

The Board of Overseers of the Bar was created by order of the Supreme Judicial Court, effective November 1, 1978. The Board consists of nine members selected by the Court, three of whom are lay persons and six of whom are members of the Bar of the State of Maine. The Board supervises and administers the registration of all attorneys admitted to practice in the state; investigates and processes claims and reports of violations by attorneys of the rules of practice set forth in the Maine Bar Rules; provides a procedure for the arbitration of disputes between clients and attorneys with respect to legal fees; maintains limited consulting and advisory services with respect to the interpretation and application of the Code of Professional Responsibility (Rule 3 of the Maine Bar Rules relating to ethical standards); and engages in a continuing review and study of the Bar in relation to the public and the Courts for the purpose of making recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court with respect to the Maine Bar Rules.

At the beginning of 1983, there were approximately 2600 attorneys registered in the Maine Bar which was supplemented by between 175 and 200 new registrations during the year.

Rules Committees

The Supreme Judicial Court has established advisory committees for civil rules, criminal rules, probate rules, and rules of evidence. These committees aid the Court in discharging its rule-making responsibilities by recommending the adoption of proposed rules or amendments.

Committee on Collective Bargaining for Judicial Department Employees

During the first session of the 111th Legislature, legislation was enacted to establish an Advisory Committee on Collective Bargaining for Judicial Department Employees including representatives of public sector management and public sector bargaining agents. The Committee, appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, was authorized to study and recommend labor relations policies and procedures for the Judicial Department. Through a series of intensive and extensive meetings with court employees, management representatation and labor officials, the Committee fulfilled its mandated task and reported its recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court during November, 1983.

Committee On Professional Responsibility

The Committee on Professional Responsibility was created in 1981 to carry on a continuous review of the operation and effectiveness of the Maine Bar Rules, and in particular the Code of Professional Responsibility, and to recommend to the Supreme Judicial Court such amendments as it finds advisable.

Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability

By legislative authorization, 4 M.R.S.A. §9-B, the Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability was established by order of the Supreme Judicial Court in July 1978 and is empowered to receive and investigate complaints of judicial misconduct and disability. Judicial misconduct is defined by the Code of Judicial Conduct, which has been adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court. By order of the Court, the Code of Judicial Conduct is binding on all state judges, except that in the case of judges of probate only the first three canons apply.

The Committee on Judicial Responsibility and Disability consists of seven members appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court. Two members are either active or active retired justices of the

Superior Court, active or active retired judges of the District Court, or active judges of probate. Two members are attorneys at law admitted to practice in the State of Maine, and three members are representatives of the general public of the State of Maine. The public and attorney members are appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court upon the recommendation of the governor.

Proceedings before the Committee are typically begun upon receipt of a complaint concerning the conduct of a judge. If the Committee members decide that the facts stated appear to come within its authority, a copy of the complaint is submitted to the judge involved for his response, followed by an investigation and decision on whether an evidentiary hearing before the Committee is necessary. The Committee cannot itself impose disciplinary sanctions, but it may seek informal correction of any judicial conduct or practice which the Committee determines may create an appearance of judicial misconduct. If the Committee determines that discipline may be in order, it reports its findings and conclusions, together with recommendations, to the Supreme Judicial Court, and thereafter the matter is handled by the Court as a court proceeding.

Committee on Court Appointed Counsel

In 1982 Chief Justice Vincent L. McKusick appointed a committee to study the fiscal implications of the current system of the appointment of counsel for indigent criminal defendants, and to make recommendations for improved fiscal control and management within the Judicial Department. Expenditures for court appointed counsel increased over 100% from $533,000 in fiscal year 1977 to $1.2 million in fiscal year 1983.

After extensive deliberations during 1982 and 1983 and the preparation of a study of court appointed counsel expenses by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the committee concluded:

> "It is not possible to determine to what extent the dramatic increase in expenditures for court appointed counsel results from the prevailing condition of the economy. It is certain, however, that the increase results from an increase in the number of persons found to be indigent rather than an increase in the amount of compensation paid for individual cases. Statistics gathered from the Superior Court reveal that the number of indigent defendants increased 54.3% from fiscal 1980 through fiscal 1983. In the same period of time the total number of criminal cases increased by only 8%. The extent of overutilization of the current system by non-indigents is not known.
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> In our review we found certain elements of the system to be laudable. First, the appointment of counsel occurs at the time of arraignment, the earliest stage of the judicial proceeding. Second, the rates at which court appointed counsel are compensated by the Superior Court justices of this State are relatively uniform given the variables presented in individual cases. Finally, the Committee is satisfied that the appointment of private counsel at an average hourly cost of $22 at the Superior Court level as opposed to any other system, is an economical method of discharging the constitutional obligation. Even with the dramatic increase experienced in recent years, the per capita cost of Maine's indigent defense system places it 43th from the highest in a nationwide survey."

The Committee recommended establishment of an administrative screening unit within the Judicial Department to collect relevant information from the criminal defendent seeking appointed counsel; to verify such information; to recommend to the court that the applicant be declared indigent, partially indigent or non-indigent; and to secure reimbursement to the state when appropriate.

At year's end, these recommendations were under study by the Administrative Office of the Courts. A specific plan is anticipated to be prepared for consideration by the Supreme Judicial Court as the governing body of the Judicial Department during 1984.

Judicial Policy Committee

During the summer of 1983, Chief Justice McKusick created the Judicial Policy Committee to address the long-range planning needs of the Judicial Department. Its first assignment was to assess the adequacy of the existing judicial resources in the Maine trial courts, resulting with the publication of the "Judicial Resources Report" in December. This report concluded that both the Superior Court and District Court were under-staffed, and recommended the addition of three new judgeships in each court. A bill reflecting this recommendation was submitted to the second regular session of the 111th Legislature for its consideration. The Committee will be considering other matters of statewide impact during 1984.

State Court Library Committee

The State Court Library Commitee, created in 1981 (4 M.R.S.A. sec. 191), is charged with governing the 18 libraries in the county law library system. The committee is assisted by a state court library supervisor who visited each of the libraries at least once during the year, and met with several of the local law library committees. Two libraries have recruited volunteers through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in their respective counties. Publications from the office of the state court library supervisor this past year included mailings of a newsletter update on county law library materials, organization and personnel, and A Guide to Legal Resources in Maine, compiled as a union list of legal materials throughout the state.

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MAINE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

As created by the legislature, 4 M.R.S.A. §451, the purpose of the Judicial Council is to "make a continuous study of the organization, rules, and methods of procedures and practices of the judicial system of the State, the work accomplished, and the results produced by that system and its various parts". The Council consists of the following members: the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court (chairman, ex officio), the attorney general, the chief judge of the District Court, the dean of the University of Maine Law School, together with an active or retired justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, two justices of the Superior Court, one judge of the District Court, one judge of a Probate Court, one clerk of courts, two lawyers, and six laypersons, the latter to be appointed by the governor for such periods not exceeding four years, as he may determine. The executive secretary, a part-time contract employee, provides all executive services to the Council.

During 1983, the Council continued to initiate and monitor efforts to reduce case delay and, in this regard, to support a program of improvement for Maine courts, including modernized court facilities, additional justices and judges, clerks, and support personnel, as well as higher judicial salaries. A committee of the Council reviewed the functioning of procedures for disciplining judges and proposed a change in the current rule of confidentiality. The Council, through its Executive Secretary, participated in the study conducted by the legislatively-appointed Commission on Local Land Use Violations. The Council also acted to sponsor, as a part of a consortium of legal organizations, the Study of the Future of the Legal Profession in Maine. In addition, the Council's Public Information and Education Committee worked toward the publication of a citizen's handbook for the Maine Courts and assisted the Administrative Office of the Courts in its development of a court newsletter. The full Council held four meetings in 1983 and committees met as necessary.

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Appendix I

Law Court Caseload Statistics

1983

MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

JUSTICES

Hon. Vincent L. McKusick, Chief Justice

Hon. Edward S. Godfrey (retired 9/1/83)
Hon. David A. Nichols
Hon. David G. Roberts
Hon. Gene Carter (resigned 7/5/83)
Hon. Elmer H. Violette
Hon. Daniel E. Wathen
Hon. Caroline D. Glassman (qualified 8/30/83)
Hon. Louis Scolnik (qualified 9/7/83)

Active Retired: Hon. Armand A. Dufresne, Jr.
Active Retired: Hon. Thomas E. Delahanty
Active Retired: Hon. James P. Archibald

CLERK OF THE LAW COURT

Executive Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court
Reporter of Decisions

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Table LC-1

This table presents Law Court caseload information, including filings, dispositions, and pending caseload since 1976. Filings also include interlocutory appeals (usually appeals by the State pursuant to 15 M.R.S.A. §2115-A) and reports (pursuant to M.R.Civ.P.72 and, less often M.R.Crim.P.37A). During 1983, there were six cases on report, and eight interlocutory appeals. These categories indicate the frequency of the invocation of Law Court jurisdiction by procedural avenues other than appeal, although such cases are handled much the same as ordinary appeals.

The "end pending" category includes four distinct sub-groups: cases not yet at issue (awaiting completion of the record on appeal or completion of briefing); cases at issue awaiting oral argument (cases fully briefed as of the end of the previous year); cases orally argued awaiting opinion; and cases remanded to the Superior Court prior to oral argument for correction of procedural defects.

The comparison of filings and dispositions on this table indicates the degree to which dispositions have risen to meet the demand of incoming filings. Although filings increased by 80.7% from 1976 to 1983, the number of cases disposed rose by 103.4%.

Table LC-2

This table details the type and outcome of Law Court dispositions during 1983. Several categories require some explanation. "Other Administrative Proceedings" are cases seeking review of action (or refusal to act) by agencies of the Executive Department governed by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act or by agencies of local government such as Planning Boards. These municipal cases are brought pursuant to M.R.Civ.P.80B. The creation of the Appellate Division of the Workers Compensation Division in September 1981 has resulted in the disposition of 42 workers compensation cases, compared to 51 in 1982, but it should be noted that most of the dispositions are now by denial of petition for appellate review and do not involve full briefing, argument and opinion. "Discretionary Appeals" are requests for certificates of probable cause in post-conviction review (15 M.R.S.A. §2131) and review of extradition (15 M.R.S.A. §210-A) cases. "Change in Results" means a reversal, vacation, or substantive modification of the trial court's judgment.

Table LC-3

The average time required from notice of appeal to disposition for cases in which written opinions were issued is presented for 1981, 1982 and 1983 on Table LC-3. Since most non-opinion disposition cases do not complete all of the steps of an opinion disposition, the inclusion of these cases in this table would skew the results, particularly in the early stages. The four sections correspond to (a) work done primarily by trial court clerks and stenographers; (b) work done by the parties' attorneys; (c) pre-argument research by law clerks and scheduling lag; and (d) the actual decision making process and preparation of the opinion. The fifth section traces the cases through the entire Law Court process, from notice of appeal to final disposition.

Table LC-4

More complete timeframe data for only 1983 are included on this table, detailing the actual number of cases during each stage of case processing.

Graph LC-5

The bulk of the written opinions issued by the Law Court continue to involve civil cases, as evidenced by this graph tracing the issuance of opinions since 1976.

Table LC-6

This table presents the Appellate Division's caseload statistics for the past four years, and itemizes filings, dispositions, and pending caseload.

TABLE LC-1

LAW COURT
TOTAL CASELOAD
1976 - 1983

	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982(c)	1983
CIVIL								
- Beginning Pending	119	143	205	187	180	288	248 (c)	230
- Filings (a)	145	174	240	238	382(b)	384	325	332
- Dispositions	121	112	258	245	274	402	343	313
- End Pending	143	205	187	180	288	270 (c)	230	249
CRIMINAL								
- Beginning Pending	127	136	164	70	56	77	54 (c)	82
- Filings (a)	124	152	125	118	131	137	153	154
- Dispositions	115	124	219	132	110	147	125	167
- End Pending	136	164	70	56	77	67 (c)	82	69
TOTAL								
- Beginning Pending	246	279	369	257	236	365	302 (c)	312
- Filings (a)	269	326	365	356	513	521	478	486
- Dispositions	236	236	477	377	384	549	468	480
- End Pending	279	369	257	236	365	337 (c)	312	318
Cases Argued Awaiting Opinion at End of Year	119	173	65	42	82	44	52	66

(a) Includes new appeals, interlocutory appeals, and reports.

(b) As of September 1, 1980, M.R.Civ.P. 73(f) was amended to provide for docketing of civil appeals in the Law Court promptly upon the filing of the notice of appeal in the Superior Court. Under the amended rule, a total of sixty-one (61) civil appeals were docketed in 1980 which would not have been docketed in that year under the former rule.

(c) It appears that a tabulation error in a past year is responsible for the discrepancy in the number of cases pending at the end of 1981 versus the beginning of 1982.

LAW COURT

DISPOSITIONS

1983

TABLE LC-2

	CHANGE IN RESULTS	NO CHANGE	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL DISPOSITIONS
CRIMINAL				
- Signed Opinion	34	44	78	
- Per Curiam	3	2	5	
- Memorandum	1	21	22	
- Total Written Opinions	38	67	105	
- No Opinion	-	39	39	
- Total Dispositions	38	106	144	30.0%
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION				
- Signed Opinion	2	1	3	
- Per Curiam	-	-	-	
- Memorandum	-	1	1	
- Total Written Opinions	2	2	4	
- No Opinion	-	1	1	
- Total Dispositions	2	3	5	1.0%
WORKERS COMPENSATION				
- Signed Opinion	3	1	4	
- Per Curiam	-	-	-	
- Memorandum	-	-	-	
- Total Written Opinions	3	1	4	
- No Opinion	-	38	38	
- Total Dispositions	3	39	42	8.8%
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS				
- Signed Opinion	15	15	30	
- Per Curiam	-	1	1	
- Memorandum	-	4	4	
- Total Written Opinions	15	20	35	
- No Opinion	-	13	13	
- Total Dispositions	15	33	48	10.0%
ALL OTHER CIVIL				
- Signed Opinion	49	60	109	
- Per Curiam	3	6	9	
- Memorandum	-	14	14	
- Total Written Opinions	52	80	132	
- No Opinion	1	81	82	
- Total Dispositions	53	161	214	44.6%
DISCRETIONARY APPEALS				
- Signed Opinion	2	6	8	
- Per Curiam	-	-	-	
- Memorandum	-	-	-	
- Total Written Opinions	2	6	8	
- No Opinion	-	19	19	
- Total Dispositions	2	25	27	5.6%
TOTAL				
- Signed Opinion	105	127	232	
- Per Curiam	6	9	15	
- Memorandum	1	40	41	
- Total Written Opinions	112	176	288	
- No Opinion	1	191	192	
- Total Dispositions	113	367	480	100.0%

TABLE LC-3

LAW COURT

CASELOAD TIME REPORT*

AVERAGE TIME TO DISPOSITION

1981 - 1983

	1981	1982	1983
(a) NO. OF DAYS FROM NOTICE OF APPEAL TO COMPLETION OF RECORD			
- Criminal	76.8	74.0	95.1
- Public Utilities Commission	23.3	33.7	31.5
- Workers Compensation	61.4	53.2	58.3
- Other Admin. Proceedings	62.7	58.0	50.3
- All Other Civil	100.0	70.4	55.9
- Discretionary Appeal	99.7	78.3	95.9
TOTAL	80.5	67.7	70.5
(b) NO. OF DAYS FROM COMPLETION OF RECORD TO COMPLETION OF BRIEFING			
- Criminal	89.9	82.6	93.2
- Public Utilities Commission	60.8	99.7	89.5
- Workers Compensation	80.5	86.4	83.7
- Other Admin. Proceedings	68.7	74.2	68.3
- All Other Civil	81.5	80.0	80.3
- Discretionary Appeal	106.8	86.8	78.3
TOTAL	82.5	81.2	83.7
(c) NO. OF DAYS FROM COMPLETION OF BRIEFING TO ORAL ARGUMENT			
- Criminal	52.4	54.2	57.2
- Public Utilities Commission	57.0	53.3	64.0
- Workers Compensation	72.5	89.9	41.5
- Other Admin. Proceedings	69.7	52.0	67.9
- All Other Civil	70.6	60.0	62.0
- Discretionary Appeal	55.3	38.0	47.8
TOTAL	64.4	60.3	60.3
(d) NO. OF DAYS FROM ORAL ARGUMENT TO DISPOSITION			
- Criminal	106.4	66.7	65.8
- Public Utilities Commission	132.8	99.0	99.0
- Workers Compensation	84.0	97.2	77.0
- Other Admin. Proceedings	121.1	74.2	93.3
- All Other Civil	120.6	70.6	75.7
- Discretionary Appeal	122.7	58.8	60.5
TOTAL	110.7	73.0	74.1
e) NO. OF DAYS FROM NOTICE OF APPEAL TO DISPOSITION			
- Criminal	325.5	277.6	311.3
- Public Utilities Commission	273.8	285.7	284.0
- Workers Compensation	298.4	329.1	249.8
- Other Admin. Proceedings	322.1	258.4	279.9
- All Other Civil	370.6	280.8	269.3
- Discretionary Appeal	384.5	261.8	282.4
TOTAL	337.5	282.6	286.2

*Includes only those cases for which written opinions were issued.

TABLE LC-4

LAW COURT

CASELOAD TIME REPORT*

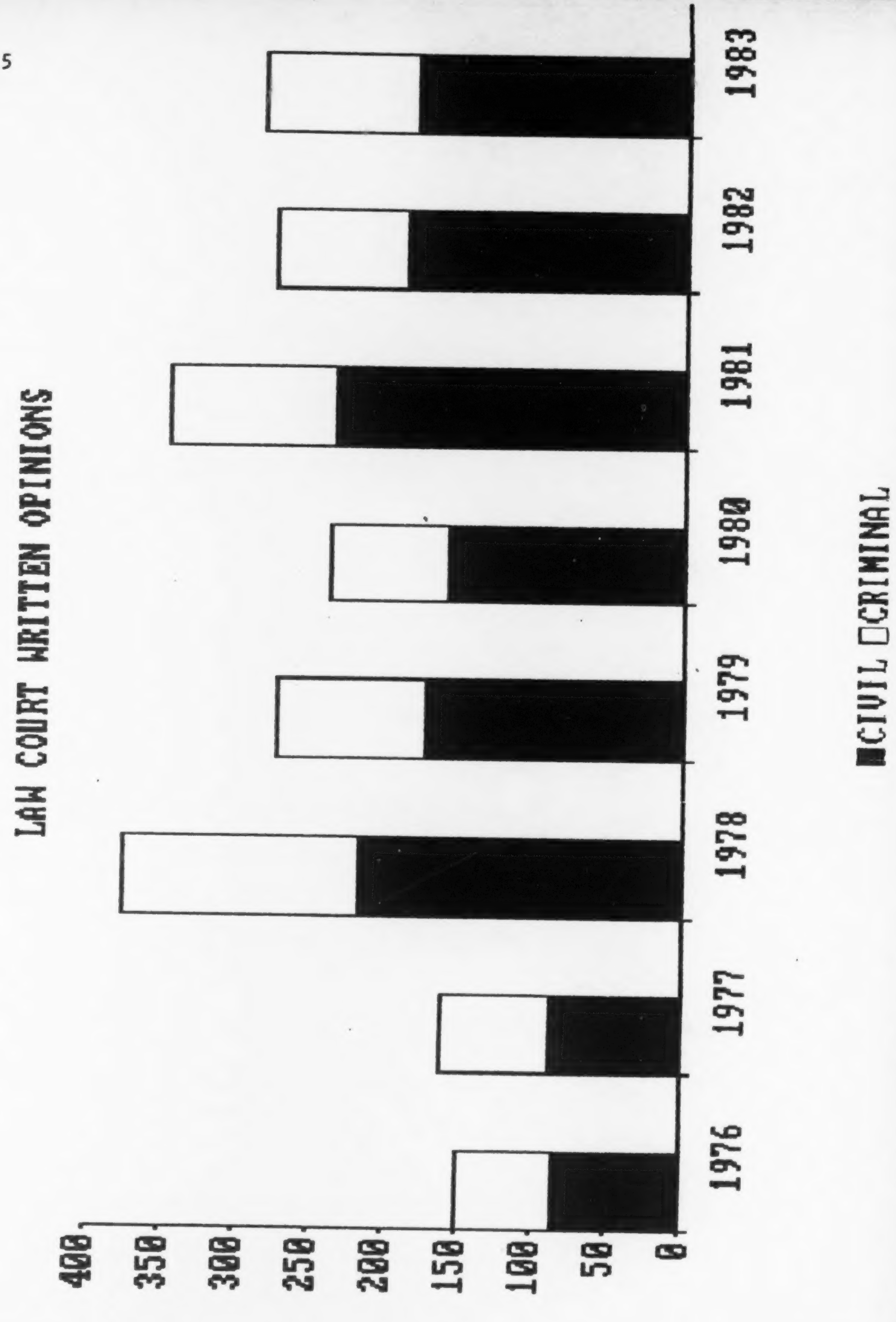
ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION

1983

	0-25 Days	26-50 Days	51-75 Days	76-100 Days	100-Up Days	Total Cases	Average No. Of Days
(a) NO. OF CASES FROM NOTICE OF APPEAL TO COMPLETION OF RECORD							
- Criminal	5	31	17	13	39	105	95.1
- Public Utilities Commission	-	3	-	-	-	4	31.5
- Workers Compensation	-	2	-	-	-	3	58.3
- Other Admin. Proceedings	19	6	5	1	4	35	50.3
- All Other Civil	51	36	12	14	17	130	55.9
- Discretionary Appeal	1	2	1	1	3	8	95.9
TOTAL	77	80	35	30	63	285	70.5
(b) NO. OF CASES FROM COMPLETION OF RECORD TO COMPLETION OF BRIEFING							
- Criminal	-	5	43	39	18	105	93.2
- Public Utilities Commission	-	-	2	1	1	4	89.5
- Workers Compensation	-	1	1	-	1	3	83.7
- Other Admin. Proceedings	1	2	19	8	5	35	68.3
- All Other Civil	4	8	58	42	17	129	80.3
- Discretionary Appeal	-	-	4	3	1	8	78.3
TOTAL	5	16	127	93	43	284	83.7
(c) NO. OF CASES FROM COMPLETION OF BRIEFING TO ORAL ARGUMENT							
- Criminal	3	62	29	7	4	105	57.2
- Public Utilities Commission	-	1	2	1	-	4	64.0
- Workers Compensation	-	4	-	-	-	4	41.5
- Other Admin. Proceedings	1	12	14	3	5	35	67.9
- All Other Civil	2	53	42	19	12	128	62.0
- Discretionary Appeal	-	6	-	2	-	8	47.8
TOTAL	6	138	87	32	21	284	60.3
(d) NO. OF CASES FROM ORAL ARGUMENT TO DISPOSITION							
- Criminal	20	38	14	12	21	105	65.8
- Public Utilities Commission	-	2	-	-	2	4	99.0
- Workers Compensation	-	-	2	1	1	4	77.0
- Other Admin. Proceedings	6	8	5	2	14	35	93.3
- All Other Civil	15	39	25	16	33	128	75.7
- Discretionary Appeal	-	3	3	2	-	8	60.5
TOTAL	41	90	49	33	71	284	74.1
(e) NO. OF CASES FROM NOTICE OF APPEAL TO DISPOSITION							
- Criminal	-	-	-	-	105	105	311.3
- Public Utilities Commission	-	-	-	-	4	4	284.0
- Workers Compensation	-	-	-	-	4	4	249.8
- Other Admin. Proceedings	-	-	-	-	35	35	279.9
- All Other Civil	-	2	-	-	130	132	269.3
- Discretionary Appeal	-	-	-	-	8	8	282.4
TOTAL	-	2	-	-	286	288	286.2

*Includes only those cases for which written opinions were issued.

GRAPH LC-5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APPELLATE DIVISION
TOTAL CASELOAD
1980 - 1983

	1980	1981	1982	1983
Beginning Pending	21	42	38	26
Filings	51	54	53	52
Dispositions	30	58	65	48 (a)
End Pending	42	38	26	30 (b)

(a) 1983 dispositions include:

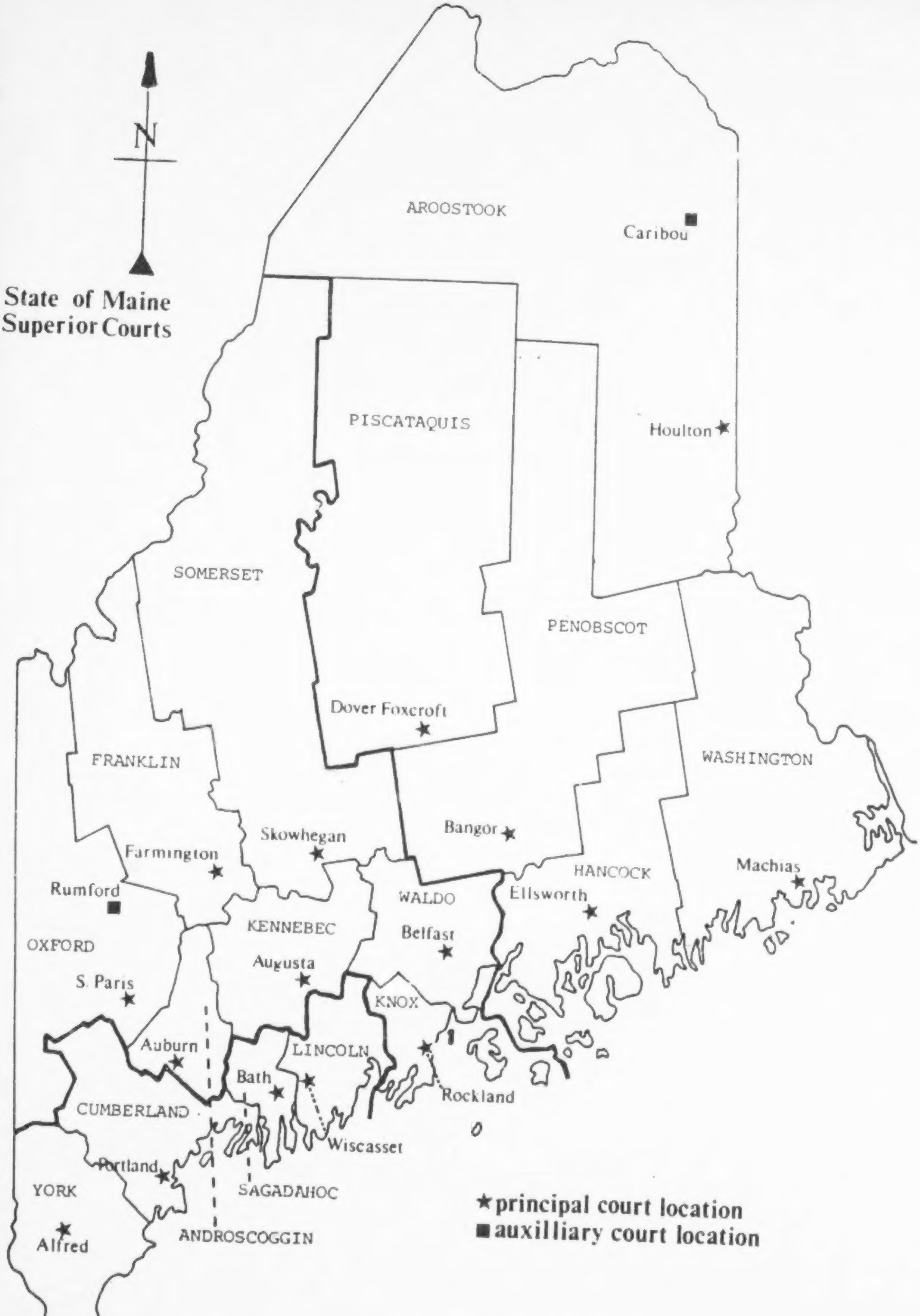
Case withdrawn	2
Case dismissed - untimely appeal	4
Case dismissed - sentence under one year	2
Case dismissed - appeal moot	4
Case dismissed - lack of appropriate notice	2
Sentence reduced	3
Appeal denied	31

(b) 1983 cases pending include:

Law Court appeal pending	18
Awaiting record	10
In process of being withdrawn	1
Awaiting results of case on remand	1

Appendix II

Superior Court Caseload Statistics



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MAINE SUPERIOR COURT

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Hon. William E. McCarthy
*Hon. Ian MacInnes (retired 10/1/83)
Hon. Sumner J. Goffin
Hon. Robert L. Browne
*Hon. Louis Scolnik (qualified for Supreme Judicial Court 9/7/83)
Hon. Stephen L. Perkins
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Hon. Thomas E. Delahanty, II

CLERKS

Androscoggin	Lucille Lepitre
Aroostook	Robert Rush
Cumberland	Margaret LaGassey
Franklin	Lynda Haskell
Hancock	Edda Church (resigned 12/12/83) Rosemary Merchant (appointed 12/12/83)
Kennebec	P. Valerie Page
Knox	Susan Simmons
Lincoln	George Cowan
Oxford	Donna Howe
Penobscot	Madolyn Upton
Piscataquis	Rosemary Merchant (resigned 12/12/83) Sandra Welch (appointed 12/19/83)
Sagadahoc	George Cowan
Somerset	Esther Waters
Waldo	Joyce Page
Washington	Marilyn Braley
York	Richard Neault

*-The regional administrative system, under which Justices Scolnik, MacInnes and McKinley served as regional presiding justices during 1983, was abolished and replaced with the creation of a single Superior Court chief justice position, effective January 1, 1984.

-The vacancies resulting from Justice MacInnes' retirement and Justice Scolnik's elevation were filled for the rest of 1983 by Justice Clifford.

SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS

The 36 data tables contained in this section are organized into four segments, detailing the composition and flow of Superior Court caseload for the past five years. These data are derived from the Superior Court Statistical Reporting System established in 1977. Statistical sheets for each case are prepared manually by Superior Court clerks; these sheets are subsequently keypunched for computerized editing and updating on a monthly basis. Numerous reporting programs provide caseload information for management purposes throughout the year and serve as the source of the data presented in this Annual Report. Definitions of types of cases and dispositions for civil and criminal cases appear on pages 97 and 136 respectively.

In order to determine trends over a period of time, many tables in this 1983 report include information for the years 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982. As a result of periodic auditing, however, some of these figures may not match those which appeared in previous Annual Report publications, although the variations in most instances are minimal. All figures are presented by calendar year.

It also should be noted that all figures reflecting filings also include refilings. Refilings are cases which were previously disposed, but have returned to the Superior Court for substantial further action. The specific circumstances under which a civil or criminal action is considered a refiling appear on pages 97 and 136 respectively. Refilings constitute from one to two percent of the total caseload.

A. Summary

Table SC-2 traces the flow of all cases in each of the 16 Superior Court locations since 1979. 1983 marks the first time in recent history that dispositions have exceeded filings, resulting in an actual decrease in pending caseload. As Table SC-3 demonstrates, criminal cases account for over half of the Superior Court's caseload, with civil and URESA comprising 35.0% and 9.4% respectively.

B. Civil Caseload

Graph SC-4 through Table SC-15 provide detailed information concerning the Superior Court's civil caseload. Statewide, 1983 is the second consecutive year in which civil dispositions exceeded civil filings. This appears to be largely the result of filings decreasing over the past two years while the number of cases disposed remained relatively stable. Incoming filings have fluctuated considerably among court locations, ranging from significant decreases since 1979 in Kennebec, Knox, Waldo, Hancock, Penobscot and Washington to increases in Lincoln and York. Of the 6100 dispositions during 1983, over 45% were dismissed upon agreement of the parties (Rule 41(a)) while an additional 13% were dismissed by the court after two years of case inactivity. The 207 civil jury trials accounted for about 3% of all dispositions.

Table SC-12 presents timeframe data for the civil pending caseload. As of the end of 1983, civil cases had been pending for an average of 18 months statewide ranging from about sixteen months in Lincoln, Franklin, Knox, Oxford, Somerset and Piscataquis to over 20 months in Hancock and Washington.

The average time required for a case to reach jury trial is presented on Table SC-13. It took an average of over two and one-half years for a civil case to reach jury trial during 1983, compared to 1.9 years in 1979. It should be noted, however, that the average number of days from filing to pre-trial memorandum, a period over which the courts have little control, alone consumed over one year (see Table SC-15). Table SC-14 summarizes the average number of days required from filing to disposition for civil cases during the last five years. The statewide average has risen by 68 days since 1979. Every Superior Court location reported that civil dispositions required an average of over one year, ranging from 375 days in Lincoln to over 600 days in Cumberland, Waldo and Washington. When reviewing this table for individual courts, the detailed 1983 figures on Table SC-15 should also be consulted, since smaller courts may have had few cases from which to calculate an average.

Five key timeframes are measured on Table SC-15:

- Filing to Pre-trial Memorandum
- Pre-trial Memorandum to Pre-trial Conference
- Pre-trial Conference to Jury Trial
- Pre-trial Conference to Non-Jury Trial
- Filing to Disposition

Although the first two timeframes occur prior to final disposition, it should be noted that these measures cannot be calculated until the information is entered into the computer at the time the case is actually disposed.

The first timeframe is largely a measure of the time required for attorneys to file a pre-trial memorandum after a case has been filed in the Superior Court. Over 35% of the cases required over a year from filing to pre-trial memorandum, with a statewide average of 373 days. The measure from pre-trial memorandum to pre-trial conference reflects the time required to reach conference after the request has been submitted; statewide, this averages 227 days, although Cumberland and Androscoggin report well over 300 days to complete this phase of civil case processing. The next two timeframes, conference to jury trial and conference to non-jury trial, are significant in that they indicate how quickly the court is able to accomodate the demand for trials. However, it should be noted that courts may employ different scheduling policies which may impact these calculations; for instance, some courts may deliberately not schedule pre-trial conferences until the court's ability to schedule a trial is imminent. Nonetheless, an average of 385 days statewide was required for a case to reach jury trial from pre-trial conference, while non-jury trials were held within 258 days.

The last timeframe traces the total time required for civil cases to move from filing to disposition, and reflects the total number of cases disposed during 1983. Of the 6,100 cases disposed, over 35% took in excess of two years to reach disposition.

C. URESA Caseload (Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act)

The Superior Court's URESA caseload is presented on Tables SC-16 through SC-19. The number of URESA filings rose slightly since 1982 but still represents a significant decline from 1980 and 1981 levels. Nonetheless, URESA pending caseload has continued to rise due to decreased disposition rates. Pending caseload is always rather misleading with respect to URESA cases, however, since the bulk of the case activity actually occurs during the months and years subsequent to the judge issuing an order and the clerk reporting the case as statistically "disposed".

D. Criminal Caseload

Criminal caseload in the Superior Court may be counted by either docket number or defendant number. When counted by docket number, the actual number of cases assigned a docket number is reflected. Some courts report multiple-defendant cases more frequently than others, due to differing District Attorney practices, resulting in docket numbers which contain more than one defendant. From a statewide perspective, the issue is not particularly significant, since caseload measured by number of defendants is only a few percent higher than when calculated by docket number. (See Table SC-27). In this report, the core analysis of filings, dispositions, and pending caseloads are counted by docket number, as are the types of cases, such as appeals, transfers, indictments, etc. However, classes of charges are counted by defendant, as are types of dispositions and trials. The latter two items are counted by defendant because of the likelihood for the multiple defendants included in a single docket number to be tried and/or disposed in different manners.

Graph SC-20 through Table SC-36 depict the criminal caseload statewide. The number of criminal filings has stabilized since 1982, but dispositions reached an all-time high of 9289 in 1983, resulting in a 33-case decline in pending caseload. The composition of the criminal caseload has changed during the past few years, as evidenced by the increase in the number of transfers and the corresponding decrease in appeals from the District Court. (See Table SC-24). This has been largely the result of the implementation during 1982 of the so-called "single trial law" which provided that in Class D and E proceedings, the defendant may waive his right to jury trial and elect to be tried in the District Court, but that an appeal to the Superior Court following trial and conviction in the District Court may be only on questions of law. The rate of transfers varies markedly throughout the state, ranging from 33.6% of Penobscot's criminal caseload to over 60% of the total caseloads in Franklin, Knox Lincoln, and Sagadahoc. Cases involving murder, Class A, Class B and Class C crimes (generally called felonies) constituted 34% of the state's criminal caseload.

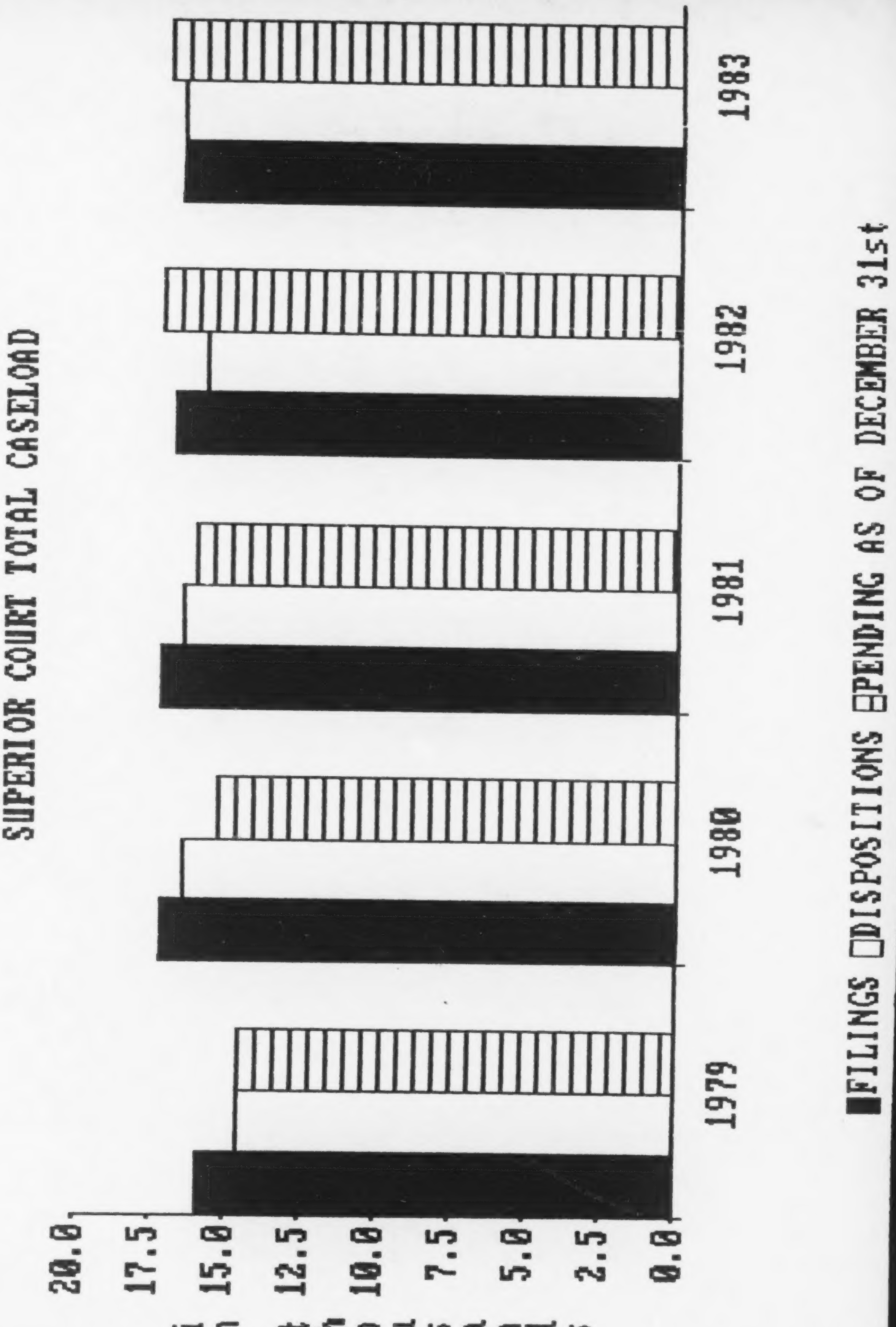
Boundovers from the District Court create a difficult situation with regard to the counting of cases for statistical purposes. When a boundover is filed in the Superior Court, it statistically remains a "boundover" type of case even if an indictment results. When a boundover results in an information being filed, however, the District Attorney dismisses the boundover, and a new docket number is assigned for the information. Under such circumstances, the case is actually being counted twice, and the number of District Attorney dismissals is slightly inflated.

Table SC-28 was prepared in order to document the effect of outstanding warrants of arrests upon criminal pending caseload. In general, the assumption has been made that pending caseload serves as an obvious indication of a court's ability or inability to efficiently dispose of cases in relationship to incoming workload. However, in numerous instances, cases may be filed in the Superior Court which cannot be processed because a warrant issued for the defendant is not or cannot be served. Thus, it may be unfair to hold courts solely responsible for increases in pending caseload which in fact may be beyond their control. Certainly the effect of outstanding warrants upon pending caseload varies considerably throughout the state. Statewide, 27.7% of all criminal pending caseload appears to be a result of outstanding warrants, slightly less than the 1981 level, but this varies widely, from less than 10% in Lincoln to over 50% in Somerset.

Case disposition data on Tables SC-29 and SC-30 reveals that defendants were convicted in 55.6% of all cases, while dismissals by either the court or the District Attorney accounted for 33.7% of all dispositions. Of 5294 convictions, over 90% were by plea of guilty. There were 405 criminal jury trials during 1983, which represents about 4% of all criminal case dispositions. (See Table SC-31).

The first Criminal Caseload Time Report (Table SC-34) portrays the average time required for indictments and transfers to reach a jury trial. Indictments took an average of about seven months to reach a jury trial, 19 days longer than in 1982. Table SC-35 includes the average time required to reach final disposition for indictments, transfers and appeals. These figures reflect all cases reaching disposition, including those which may have been quickly terminated via dismissal, so the average time is less than for the previous table where all cases have culminated in jury trial. When reviewing averages for individual courts, Table SC-36 which refers to the actual numbers of cases should also be consulted, since smaller courts may have had few cases from which to calculate an average.

GRAPH SC-1


SUPERIOR COURT TOTAL CASELOAD
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■FILINGS □DISPOSITIONS ▥PENDING AS OF DECEMBER 31st

SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

STATE TOTAL	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	8,509	8,971	9,212	9,396	9,273	9.0	-1.3
- Filings	6,457	6,446	6,370	6,077	5,827	-9.8	-4.1
- Dispositions	5,995	6,205	6,186	6,200	6,100	1.8	-1.6
- Pending - December 31st	8,971	9,212	9,396	9,273	9,000	.3	-2.9
- Caseload Change	+ 462	+ 241	+ 184	- 123	- 273		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	1,155	1,244	1,714	1,867	1,989	72.2	6.5
- Filings	1,302	1,944	1,748	1,538	1,564	20.1	1.7
- Dispositions	1,213	1,474	1,595	1,416	1,298	7.0	-8.3
- Pending - December 31st	1,244	1,714	1,867	1,989	2,255	81.3	13.4
- Caseload Change	+ 89	+ 470	+ 153	+ 122	+ 266		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	3,572	4,459	4,442	4,837	5,971	67.2	23.4
- Filings	8,260	8,866	9,190	9,271	9,256	12.1	-.2
- Dispositions	7,373	8,883	8,795	8,137	9,289	26.0	14.2
- Pending - December 31st	4,459	4,442	4,837	5,971	5,938	33.2	-.6
- Caseload Change	+ 887	- 17	+ 395	+1,134	- 33		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	13,236	14,674	15,368	16,100	17,233	30.2	7.0
- Filings	16,019	17,256	17,308	16,886	16,647	3.9	-1.4
- Dispositions	14,581	16,562	16,576	15,753	16,687	14.4	5.9
- Pending - December 31st	14,674	15,368	16,100	17,233	17,193	17.2	-.2
- Caseload Change	+1,438	+ 694	+ 732	+1,133	- 40		

*Includes cases filed and refiled.
All cases counted by docket number.

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

ANDROSCOGGIN	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	758	940	976	995	981	29.4	-1.4
- Filings	705	630	623	596	599	-15.0	.5
- Dispositions	523	594	604	610	555	6.1	-9.0
- Pending - December 31st	940	976	995	981	1,025	9.0	4.5
- Caseload Change	+ 182	+ 36	+ 19	- 14	+ 44		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	66	81	107	133	157	137.9	18.0
- Filings	103	117	122	124	89	-13.6	-28.2
- Dispositions	88	91	96	100	96	9.1	-4.0
- Pending - December 31st	81	107	133	157	150	85.2	-4.5
- Caseload Change	+ 15	+ 26	+ 26	+ 24	- 7		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	240	290	404	365	493	105.4	35.1
- Filings	479	553	442	689	664	38.6	-3.6
- Dispositions	429	439	481	561	684	59.4	21.9
- Pending - December 31st	290	404	365	493	473	63.1	-4.1
- Caseload Change	+ 50	+ 114	- 39	+ 128	- 20		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	1,064	1,311	1,487	1,493	1,631	53.3	9.2
- Filings	1,287	1,300	1,187	1,409	1,352	5.1	-4.0
- Dispositions	1,040	1,124	1,181	1,271	1,335	28.4	5.0
- Pending - December 31st	1,311	1,487	1,493	1,631	1,648	25.7	1.0
- Caseload Change	+ 247	+ 176	+ 6	+ 138	+ 17		

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All cases counted by docket number.

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

AROOSTOOK	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	468	528	558	506	543	16.0	7.3
- Filings	354	360	311	361	378	6.8	4.7
- Dispositions	294	330	363	324	374	27.2	15.4
- Pending - December 31st	528	558	506	543	547	3.6	.7
- Caseload Change	+ 60	+ 30	- 52	+ 37	+ 4		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	94	60	23	30	23	-75.5	-23.3
- Filings	115	167	144	120	129	12.2	7.5
- Dispositions	149	204	137	127	119	-20.1	-6.3
- Pending - December 31st	60	23	30	23	33	-45.0	43.5
- Caseload Change	- 34	- 37	+ 7	- 7	+ 10		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	426	430	440	410	386	-9.4	-5.9
- Filings	769	673	784	649	585	-23.9	-9.9
- Dispositions	765	663	814	673	653	-14.6	-3.0
- Pending - December 31st	430	440	410	386	318	-26.0	-17.6
- Caseload Change	+ 4	+ 10	- 30	- 24	- 68		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	988	1,018	1,021	946	952	-3.6	.6
- Filings	1,238	1,200	1,239	1,130	1,092	-11.8	-3.4
- Dispositions	1,208	1,197	1,314	1,124	1,146	-5.1	2.0
- Pending - December 31st	1,018	1,021	946	952	898	-11.8	-5.7
- Caseload Change	+ 30	+ 3	- 75	+ 6	- 54		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

CUMBERLAND	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	2,075	2,066	2,269	2,433	2,519	21.4	3.5
- Filings	1,442	1,577	1,610	1,530	1,419	-1.6	-7.3
- Dispositions	1,451	1,374	1,446	1,444	1,578	8.8	9.3
- Pending - December 31st	2,066	2,269	2,433	2,519	2,360	14.2	-6.3
- Caseload Change	- 9	+ 203	+ 164	+ 86	- 159		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	203	259	366	438	409	101.5	-6.6
- Filings	234	330	283	259	273	16.7	5.4
- Dispositions	178	223	211	288	179	.6	-37.8
- Pending - December 31st	259	366	438	409	503	94.2	23.0
- Caseload Change	+ 56	+ 107	+ 72	- 29	+ 94		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	690	786	714	1,006	1,197	73.5	19.0
- Filings	1,410	1,649	1,949	1,774	1,834	30.1	3.4
- Dispositions	1,314	1,721	1,657	1,583	1,910	45.4	20.7
- Pending - December 31st	786	714	1,006	1,197	1,121	42.6	-6.3
- Caseload Change	+ 96	- 72	+ 292	+ 191	- 76		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	2,968	3,111	3,349	3,877	4,125	39.0	6.4
- Filings	3,086	3,556	3,842	3,563	3,526	14.3	-1.0
- Dispositions	2,943	3,318	3,314	3,315	3,667	24.6	10.6
- Pending - December 31st	3,111	3,349	3,877	4,125	3,984	28.1	-3.4
- Caseload Change	+ 143	+ 238	+ 528	+ 248	- 141		

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CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

FRANKLIN	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	140	165	210	225	198	41.4	-12.0
- Filings	139	157	169	135	129	-7.2	-4.4
- Dispositions	114	112	154	162	154	35.1	-4.9
- Pending - December 31st	165	210	225	198	173	4.8	-12.6
- Caseload Change	+ 25	+ 45	+ 15	- 27	- 25		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	24	14	27	36	41	70.8	13.9
- Filings	24	42	41	47	30	25.0	-36.2
- Dispositions	34	29	32	42	23	-32.4	-45.2
- Pending - December 31st	14	27	36	41	48	242.9	17.1
- Caseload Change	- 10	+ 13	+ 9	+ 5	+ 7		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	102	134	164	171	220	115.7	28.7
- Filings	318	438	430	423	416	30.8	-1.7
- Dispositions	286	408	423	374	440	53.8	17.6
- Pending - December 31st	134	164	171	220	196	46.3	-10.9
- Caseload Change	+ 32	+ 30	+ 7	+ 49	- 24		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	266	313	401	432	459	72.6	6.3
- Filings	481	637	640	605	575	19.5	-5.0
- Dispositions	434	549	609	578	617	42.2	6.7
- Pending - December 31st	313	401	432	459	417	33.2	-9.2
- Caseload Change	+47	+88	+31	+27	-42		

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CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

HANCOCK	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	325	360	352	355	372	14.5	4.8
- Filings	274	225	211	211	198	-27.7	-6.2
- Dispositions	239	233	208	194	226	-5.4	16.5
- Pending - December 31st	360	352	355	372	344	-4.4	-7.5
- Caseload Change	+ 35	- 8	+ 3	+ 17	- 28		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	28	40	65	60	95	239.3	58.3
- Filings	43	79	64	71	62	44.2	-12.7
- Dispositions	31	54	69	36	81	161.3	125.0
- Pending - December 31st	40	65	60	95	76	90.0	-20.0
- Caseload Change	+ 12	+ 25	- 5	+ 35	- 19		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	152	137	135	148	213	40.1	43.9
- Filings	221	200	212	244	230	4.1	-5.7
- Dispositions	236	202	199	179	266	12.7	48.6
- Pending - December 31st	137	135	148	213	177	29.2	-16.9
- Caseload Change	- 15	- 2	+ 13	+ 65	- 36		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	505	537	552	563	680	34.7	20.8
- Filings	538	504	487	526	490	-8.9	-6.8
- Dispositions	506	489	476	409	573	13.2	40.1
- Pending - December 31st	537	552	563	680	597	11.2	-12.2
- Caseload Change	+ 32	+ 15	+ 11	+ 117	- 83		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

KENNEBEC	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	1,115	1,159	1,079	983	934	-16.2	-5.0
- Filings	773	697	631	627	607	-21.5	-3.2
- Dispositions	729	777	727	676	642	-11.9	-5.0
- Pending - December 31st	1,159	1,079	983	934	899	-22.4	-3.7
- Caseload Change	+ 44	- 80	- 96	- 49	- 35		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	180	200	277	169	194	7.8	14.8
- Filings	95	171	150	114	160	68.4	40.4
- Dispositions	75	94	258	89	102	36.0	14.6
- Pending - December 31st	200	277	169	194	252	26.0	29.9
- Caseload Change	+ 20	+ 77	- 108	+ 25	+ 58		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	336	459	420	420	580	72.6	38.1
- Filings	807	709	698	967	838	3.8	-13.3
- Dispositions	684	748	698	807	941	37.6	16.6
- Pending - December 31st	459	420	420	580	477	3.9	-17.8
- Caseload Change	+ 123	- 39	-	+ 160	- 103		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	1,631	1,818	1,776	1,572	1,708	4.7	8.7
- Filings	1,675	1,577	1,479	1,708	1,605	-4.2	-6.0
- Dispositions	1,488	1,619	1,683	1,572	1,685	13.2	7.2
- Pending - December 31st	1,818	1,776	1,572	1,708	1,628	-10.5	-4.7
- Caseload Change	+ 187	- 42	- 204	+ 136	- 80		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

KNOX	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	258	294	290	259	223	-13.6	-13.9
- Filings	214	190	193	164	158	-26.2	-3.7
- Dispositions	178	194	224	200	175	-1.7	-12.5
- Pending - December 31st	294	290	259	223	206	-29.9	-7.6
- Caseload Change	+ 36	- 4	- 31	- 36	- 17		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	31	33	52	57	62	100.0	8.8
- Filings	50	51	58	48	58	16.0	20.8
- Dispositions	48	32	53	43	36	-25.0	-16.3
- Pending - December 31st	33	52	57	62	84	154.5	35.5
- Caseload Change	+ 2	+ 19	+ 5	+ 5	+ 22		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	158	161	190	170	221	39.9	30.0
- Filings	287	380	365	382	436	51.9	14.1
- Dispositions	284	351	385	331	385	35.6	16.3
- Pending - December 31st	161	190	170	221	272	68.9	23.1
- Caseload Change	+ 3	+ 29	- 20	+ 51	+ 51		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	447	488	532	486	506	13.2	4.1
- Filings	551	621	616	594	652	18.3	9.8
- Dispositions	510	577	662	574	596	16.9	3.8
- Pending - December 31st	488	532	486	506	562	15.2	11.1
- Caseload Change	+ 41	+ 44	- 46	+ 20	+ 56		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

LINCOLN	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	145	137	153	185	193	33.1	4.3
- Filings	131	136	135	152	169	29.0	11.2
- Dispositions	139	120	103	144	167	20.1	16.0
- Pending - December 31st	137	153	185	193	195	42.3	1.0
- Caseload Change	- 8	+ 16	+ 32	+ 8	+ 2		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	16	23	24	35	37	131.3	5.7
- Filings	28	30	30	21	26	-7.1	23.8
- Dispositions	21	29	19	19	24	14.3	26.3
- Pending - December 31st	23	24	35	37	39	69.6	5.4
- Caseload Change	+ 7	+ 1	+ 11	+ 2	+ 2		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	61	71	82	100	185	203.3	85.0
- Filings	202	228	284	272	354	75.2	30.1
- Dispositions	192	217	266	187	231	20.3	23.5
- Pending - December 31st	71	82	100	185	308	333.8	66.5
- Caseload Change	+ 10	+ 11	+ 18	+ 85	+ 123		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	222	231	259	320	415	86.9	29.7
- Filings	361	394	449	445	549	52.1	23.4
- Dispositions	352	366	388	350	422	19.9	20.6
- Pending - December 31st	231	259	320	415	542	134.6	30.6
- Caseload Change	+ 9	+ 28	+ 61	+ 95	+ 127		

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All cases counted by docket number.

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CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

OXFORD	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	279	263	250	273	265	-5.0	-2.9
- Filings	179	212	199	205	171	-4.5	-16.6
- Dispositions	195	225	176	213	176	-9.7	-17.4
- Pending - December 31st	263	250	273	265	260	-1.1	-1.9
- Caseload Change	- 16	- 13	+ 23	- 8	- 5		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	47	55	62	70	85	80.9	21.4
- Filings	68	98	76	76	62	-8.8	-18.4
- Dispositions	60	91	68	61	46	-23.3	-24.6
- Pending - December 31st	55	62	70	85	101	83.6	18.8
- Caseload Change	+ 8	+ 7	+ 8	+ 15	+ 16		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	125	163	189	201	320	156.0	59.2
- Filings	263	326	312	440	342	30.0	-22.3
- Dispositions	225	300	300	321	321	42.7	-
- Pending - December 31st	163	189	201	320	341	109.2	6.6
- Caseload Change	+ 38	+ 26	+ 12	+ 119	+ 21		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	451	481	501	544	670	48.6	23.2
- Filings	510	636	587	721	575	12.7	-20.2
- Dispositions	480	616	544	595	543	13.1	-8.7
- Pending - December 31st	481	501	544	670	702	45.9	4.8
- Caseload Change	+ 30	+ 20	+ 43	+ 126	+ 32		

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All cases counted by docket number.

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

PENOBSCOT	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	962	1,062	1,040	1,090	930	-3.3	-14.7
- Filings	784	718	693	645	606	-22.7	-6.0
- Dispositions	684	740	643	805	617	-9.8	-23.4
- Pending - December 31st	1,062	1,040	1,090	930	919	-13.5	-1.2
- Caseload Change	+ 100	- 22	+ 50	- 160	- 11		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	189	221	277	369	385	103.7	4.3
- Filings	156	243	243	204	203	30.1	-.5
- Dispositions	124	187	151	188	177	42.7	-5.9
- Pending - December 31st	221	277	369	385	411	86.0	6.8
- Caseload Change	+ 32	+ 56	+ 92	+ 16	+ 26		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	289	449	432	388	378	30.8	-2.6
- Filings	1,208	850	695	758	789	-34.7	4.1
- Dispositions	1,048	867	739	768	737	-29.7	-4.0
- Pending - December 31st	449	432	388	378	430	-4.2	13.8
- Caseload Change	+ 160	- 17	- 44	- 10	+ 52		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	1,440	1,732	1,749	1,847	1,693	17.6	-8.3
- Filings	2,148	1,811	1,631	1,607	1,598	-25.6	-.6
- Dispositions	1,856	1,794	1,533	1,761	1,531	-17.5	-13.1
- Pending - December 31st	1,732	1,749	1,847	1,693	1,760	1.6	4.0
- Caseload Change	+ 292	+ 17	+ 98	- 154	+ 67		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*
1979 - 1983

PISCATAQUIS	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	66	61	64	57	50	-24.2	-12.3
- Filings	51	50	49	41	49	-3.9	19.5
- Dispositions	56	47	56	48	28	-50.0	-41.7
- Pending - December 31st	61	64	57	50	71	16.4	42.0
- Caseload Change	- 5	+ 3	- 7	- 7	+ 21		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	7	19	43	19	26	271.4	36.8
- Filings	24	36	33	31	29	20.8	-6.5
- Dispositions	12	12	57	24	24	100.0	-
- Pending - December 31st	19	43	19	26	31	63.2	19.2
- Caseload Change	+ 12	+ 24	- 24	+ 7	+ 5		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	63	72	122	94	96	52.4	2.1
- Filings	132	135	113	149	133	.8	-10.7
- Dispositions	123	85	141	147	113	-8.1	-23.1
- Pending - December 31st	72	122	94	96	116	61.1	20.8
- Caseload Change	+ 9	+ 50	- 28	+ 2	+ 20		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	136	152	229	170	172	26.5	1.2
- Filings	207	221	195	221	211	1.9	-4.5
- Dispositions	191	144	254	219	165	-13.6	-24.7
- Pending - December 31st	152	229	170	172	218	43.4	26.7
- Caseload Change	+ 16	+ 77	- 59	+ 2	+ 46		

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All cases counted by docket number.

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*
1979 - 1983

SAGADAHOC	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	217	197	196	200	187	-13.8	-6.5
- Filings	151	135	137	110	139	-7.9	26.4
- Dispositions	171	136	133	123	125	-26.9	1.6
- Pending - December 31st	197	196	200	187	201	2.0	7.5
- Caseload Change	- 20	- 1	+ 4	- 13	+ 14		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	26	41	66	73	73	180.8	-
- Filings	44	62	55	40	56	27.3	40.0
- Dispositions	29	37	48	40	35	20.7	-12.5
- Pending - December 31st	41	66	73	73	94	129.3	28.8
- Caseload Change	+ 15	+ 25	+ 7	-	+ 21		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	49	61	123	107	158	222.4	47.7
- Filings	142	304	251	254	295	107.7	16.1
- Dispositions	130	242	267	203	191	46.9	-5.9
- Pending - December 31st	61	123	107	158	262	329.5	65.8
- Caseload Change	+ 12	+ 62	- 16	+ 51	+ 104		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	292	299	385	380	418	43.2	10.0
- Filings	337	501	443	404	490	45.4	21.3
- Dispositions	330	415	448	366	351	6.4	-4.1
- Pending - December 31st	299	385	380	418	557	86.3	33.3
- Caseload Change	+ 7	+ 86	- 5	+ 38	+ 139		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*
1979 - 1983

SOMERSET	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	355	323	325	349	347	-2.3	-.6
- Filings	269	271	316	291	247	-8.2	-15.1
- Dispositions	301	269	292	293	282	-6.3	-3.8
- Pending - December 31st	323	325	349	347	312	-3.4	-10.1
- Caseload Change	- 32	+ 2	+ 24	- 2	- 35		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	50	38	48	42	57	14.0	35.7
- Filings	58	104	68	93	82	41.4	-11.8
- Dispositions	70	94	74	78	81	15.7	3.8
- Pending - December 31st	38	48	42	57	58	52.6	1.8
- Caseload Change	- 12	+ 10	- 6	+ 15	+ 1		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	300	348	292	337	395	31.7	17.2
- Filings	767	976	1,017	767	815	6.3	6.3
- Dispositions	719	1,032	972	709	860	19.6	21.3
- Pending - December 31st	348	292	337	395	350	.6	-11.4
- Caseload Change	+ 48	- 56	+ 45	+ 58	- 45		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	705	709	665	728	799	13.3	9.8
- Filings	1,094	1,351	1,401	1,151	1,144	4.6	-.6
- Dispositions	1,090	1,395	1,338	1,080	1,223	12.2	13.2
- Pending - December 31st	709	665	728	799	720	1.6	-9.9
- Caseload Change	+ 4	- 44	+ 63	+ 71	- 79		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*
1979 - 1983

WALDO	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	198	215	207	183	144	-27.3	-21.3
- Filings	147	130	117	96	85	-42.2	-11.5
- Dispositions	130	138	141	135	112	-13.8	-17.0
- Pending - December 31st	215	207	183	144	117	-45.6	-18.8
- Caseload Change	+ 17	- 8	- 24	- 39	- 27		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	14	16	43	41	37	164.3	-9.8
- Filings	35	59	51	36	51	45.7	41.7
- Dispositions	33	32	53	40	47	42.4	17.5
- Pending - December 31st	16	43	41	37	41	156.3	10.8
- Caseload Change	+ 2	+ 27	- 2	- 4	+ 4		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	94	168	113	127	176	87.2	38.6
- Filings	189	137	219	235	268	41.8	14.0
- Dispositions	115	192	205	186	214	86.1	15.1
- Pending - December 31st	168	113	127	176	230	36.9	30.7
- Caseload Change	+ 74	- 55	+ 14	+ 49	+ 54		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	306	399	363	351	357	16.7	1.7
- Filings	371	326	387	367	404	8.9	10.1
- Dispositions	278	362	399	361	373	34.2	3.3
- Pending - December 31st	399	363	351	357	388	-2.8	8.7
- Caseload Change	+ 93	- 36	- 12	+ 6	+ 31		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*

1979 - 1983

WASHINGTON	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	223	260	265	216	211	-5.4	-2.3
- Filings	193	178	167	122	121	-37.3	-.8
- Dispositions	156	173	216	127	116	-25.6	-8.7
- Pending - December 31st	260	265	216	211	216	-16.9	2.4
- Caseload Change	+ 37	+ 5	- 49	- 5	+ 5		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	39	35	60	71	67	71.8	-5.6
- Filings	46	70	75	59	74	60.9	25.4
- Dispositions	50	45	64	63	79	58.0	25.4
- Pending - December 31st	35	60	71	67	62	77.1	-7.5
- Caseload Change	- 4	+ 25	+ 11	- 4	- 5		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	147	187	120	155	203	38.1	31.0
- Filings	255	183	232	195	319	25.1	63.6
- Dispositions	215	250	197	147	312	45.1	112.2
- Pending - December 31st	187	120	155	203	210	12.3	3.4
- Caseload Change	+ 40	- 67	+ 35	+ 48	+ 7		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	409	482	445	442	481	17.6	8.8
- Filings	494	431	474	376	514	4.0	36.7
- Dispositions	421	468	477	337	507	20.4	50.4
- Pending - December 31st	482	445	442	481	488	1.2	1.5
- Caseload Change	+ 73	- 37	- 3	+ 39	+ 7		

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SUPERIOR COURT

CASELOAD SUMMARY*
1979 - 1983

YORK	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
CIVIL:							
- Pending - January 1st	925	941	978	1,087	1,176	27.1	8.2
- Filings	651	780	809	791	752	15.5	-4.9
- Dispositions	635	743	700	702	773	21.7	10.1
- Pending - December 31st	941	978	1,087	1,176	1,155	22.7	-1.8
- Caseload Change	+ 16	+ 37	+ 109	+ 89	- 21		
URESA:							
- Pending - January 1st	141	109	174	224	241	70.9	7.6
- Filings	179	285	255	195	180	.6	-7.7
- Dispositions	211	220	205	178	149	-29.4	-16.3
- Pending - December 31st	109	174	224	241	272	149.5	12.9
- Caseload Change	- 32	+ 65	+ 50	+ 17	+ 31		
CRIMINAL:							
- Pending - January 1st	340	543	502	638	750	120.6	17.6
- Filings	811	1,125	1,187	1,073	938	15.7	-12.6
- Dispositions	608	1,166	1,051	961	1,031	69.6	7.3
- Pending - December 31st	543	502	638	750	657	21.0	-12.4
- Caseload Change	+ 203	- 41	+ 136	+ 112	- 93		
TOTAL CASELOAD:							
- Pending - January 1st	1,406	1,593	1,654	1,949	2,167	54.1	11.2
- Filings	1,641	2,190	2,251	2,059	1,870	14.0	-9.2
- Dispositions	1,454	2,129	1,956	1,841	1,953	34.3	6.1
- Pending - December 31st	1,593	1,654	1,949	2,167	2,084	30.8	-3.8
- Caseload Change	+ 187	+ 61	+ 295	+ 218	- 83		

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All cases counted by docket number.

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL, URESA, CRIMINAL
PERCENT OF TOTAL CASELOAD*

TABLE SC-3

	1979			1983		
	CIVIL	URESA	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	URESA	CRIMINAL
- Cumberland	46.7	7.6	45.7	40.2	7.7	52.0
- Lincoln	36.2	7.8	56.0	30.8	4.7	64.4
- Sagadahoc	44.8	13.1	42.1	28.4	11.4	60.2
- York	39.7	10.9	49.4	40.2	9.6	50.2
- Androscoggin	54.8	8.0	37.2	44.3	6.6	49.1
- Franklin	28.9	5.0	66.1	22.4	5.2	72.3
- Kennebec	46.1	5.7	48.2	37.8	10.0	52.2
- Knox	38.8	9.1	52.1	24.2	8.9	66.9
- Oxford	35.1	13.3	51.6	29.7	10.8	59.5
- Somerset	24.6	5.3	70.1	21.6	7.2	71.2
- Waldo	39.6	9.4	50.9	21.0	12.6	66.3
- Aroostook	28.6	9.3	62.1	34.6	11.8	53.6
- Hancock	50.9	8.0	41.1	40.4	12.7	46.9
- Penobscot	36.5	7.3	56.2	37.9	12.7	49.4
- Piscataquis	24.6	11.6	63.8	23.2	13.7	63.0
- Washington	39.1	9.3	51.6	23.5	14.4	62.1
STATE TOTAL	40.3	8.1	51.6	35.0	9.4	55.6

Includes cases filed and refiled.
Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL CASELOAD

GRAPH SC-4

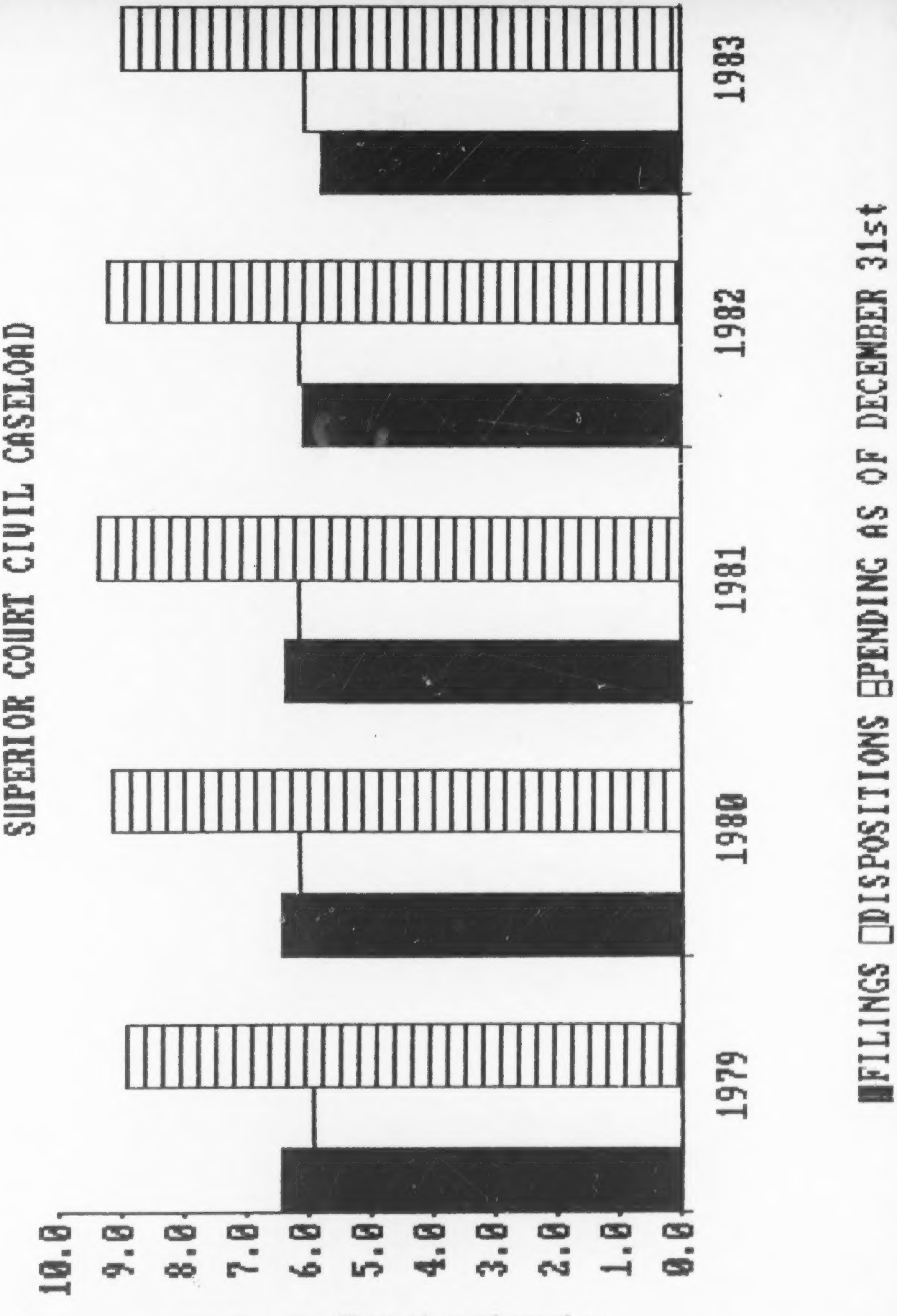
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TABLE SC-5

SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL FILINGS SUMMARY*

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	1,442	1,577	1,610	1,530	1,419	-1.5	-7.3
- Lincoln	131	136	135	152	169	29.0	11.2
- Sagadahoc	151	135	137	110	139	-7.9	26.4
- York	651	780	809	791	752	15.5	-4.9
Sub Total	2,375	2,628	2,691	2,583	2,479	4.4	-4.0
- Androscoggin	705	630	623	596	599	-15.0	.5
- Franklin	139	157	169	135	129	-7.2	-4.4
- Kennebec	773	697	631	627	607	-21.5	-3.2
- Knox	214	190	193	164	158	-26.2	-3.7
- Oxford	179	212	199	205	171	-4.5	-16.6
- Somerset	269	271	316	291	247	-8.2	-15.1
- Waldo	147	130	117	96	85	-42.2	-11.5
Sub Total	2,426	2,287	2,248	2,114	1,996	-17.7	-5.6
- Aroostook	354	360	311	361	378	6.8	4.7
- Hancock	274	225	211	211	198	-27.7	-6.2
- Penobscot	784	718	693	645	606	-22.7	-6.0
- Piscataquis	51	50	49	41	49	-3.9	19.5
- Washington	193	178	167	122	121	-37.3	-.8
Sub Total	1,656	1,531	1,431	1,380	1,352	-18.4	-2.0
STATE TOTAL	6,457	6,446	6,370	6,077	5,827	-9.8	-4.1

*Includes cases filed and refiled.

SUPERIOR COURT

TABLE SC-6

CIVIL DISPOSITIONS SUMMARY *

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	1,451	1,374	1,446	1,444	1,578	8.8	9.3
- Lincoln	139	120	103	144	167	20.1	16.0
- Sagadahoc	171	136	133	123	125	-26.9	1.6
- York	635	743	700	702	773	21.7	10.1
Sub Total	2,396	2,373	2,382	2,413	2,643	10.3	9.5
- Androscoggin	523	594	604	610	555	6.1	-9.0
- Franklin	114	112	154	162	154	35.1	-4.9
- Kennebec	729	777	727	676	642	-11.9	-5.0
- Knox	178	194	224	200	175	-1.7	-12.5
- Oxford	195	225	176	213	176	-9.7	-17.4
- Somerset	301	269	292	293	282	-6.3	-3.8
- Waldo	130	138	141	135	112	-13.8	-17.0
Sub Total	2,170	2,309	2,318	2,289	2,096	-3.4	-8.4
- Aroostook	294	330	363	324	374	27.2	15.4
- Hancock	239	233	208	194	226	-5.4	16.5
- Penobscot	684	740	643	805	617	-9.8	-23.4
- Piscataquis	56	47	56	48	28	-50.0	-41.7
- Washington	156	173	216	127	116	-25.6	-8.7
Sub Total	1,429	1,523	1,486	1,498	1,361	-4.8	-9.1
STATE TOTAL	5,995	6,205	6,186	6,200	6,100	1.8	-1.6

*Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled.

SUPERIOR COURT

TABLE SC-7

CIVIL PENDING CASELOAD SUMMARY*

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	2,066	2,269	2,433	2,519	2,360	14.2	-6.3
- Lincoln	137	153	185	193	195	42.3	1.0
- Sagadahoc	197	196	200	187	201	2.0	7.5
- York	941	978	1,087	1,176	1,155	22.7	-1.8
Sub Total	3,341	3,596	3,905	4,075	3,911	17.1	-4.0
- Androscoggin	940	976	995	981	1,025	9.0	4.5
- Franklin	165	210	225	198	173	4.8	-12.6
- Kennebec	1,159	1,079	983	934	899	-22.4	-3.7
- Knox	294	290	259	223	206	-29.9	-7.6
- Oxford	263	250	273	265	260	-1.1	-1.9
- Somerset	323	325	349	347	312	-3.4	-10.1
- Waldo	215	207	183	144	117	-45.6	-18.8
Sub Total	3,359	3,337	3,267	3,092	2,992	-10.9	-3.2
- Aroostook	528	558	506	543	547	3.6	.7
- Hancock	360	352	355	372	344	-4.4	-7.5
- Penobscot	1,062	1,040	1,090	930	919	-13.5	-1.2
- Piscataquis	61	64	57	50	71	16.4	42.0
- Washington	260	265	216	211	216	-16.9	2.4
Sub Total	2,271	2,279	2,224	2,106	2,097	-7.7	-.4
STATE TOTAL	8,971	9,212	9,396	9,273	9,000	.3	-2.9

*Includes cases filed and refiled.

CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS

BY TYPE OF CASE *

1979 - 1983

TABLE SC-8

STATE TOTALS	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Damages	1,163	1,091	873	936	1,055	874	959	920	873	942
Personal Injury	955	985	1,053	1,095	1,198	849	874	923	1,044	1,054
Contract	1,427	1,349	1,460	1,498	1,221	1,254	1,328	1,371	1,487	1,365
Divorce	497	481	539	451	407	438	474	526	484	419
Traffic Infraction Appeals	43	30	43	41	25	40	34	34	40	29
Habeas Corpus	78	51	23	12	8	74	72	46	24	6
Appeals from District Ct.	209	183	279	226	275	202	212	257	244	251
Other	2,085	2,276	2,100	1,818	1,638	2,264	2,252	2,109	2,004	2,034
TOTAL	6,457	6,446	6,370	6,077	5,827	5,995	6,205	6,186	6,200	6,100

PERCENTAGE OF CIVIL FILINGS*

BY TYPE OF CASE

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Damages	18.0	16.9	13.7	15.4	18.1
Personal Injury	14.8	15.3	16.5	18.0	20.6
Contract	22.1	20.9	22.9	24.7	21.0
Divorce	7.7	7.5	8.5	7.4	7.0
Traffic Infraction Appeals	.7	.5	.7	.7	.4
Habeas Corpus	1.2	.8	.4	.2	.1
Appeals from District Court	3.2	2.8	4.4	3.7	4.7
Other	32.3	35.3	33.0	29.9	28.1
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*-Includes cases filed and refiled.

-Types of cases are defined on page 97 of this report.

-Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE *
1979 - 1983

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
ANDROSCOGGIN Court										
Damages	176	122	80	96	82	114	144	98	92	87
Personal Injury	135	156	131	160	165	93	117	128	162	129
Contract	130	114	156	119	115	114	119	141	128	125
Divorce	37	31	26	25	22	27	30	31	27	17
Traffic Infraction Appeals	3	1	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	-
Habeas Corpus	8	2	-	-	2	5	4	1	-	1
Appeals from District Ct.	18	11	15	7	20	17	9	16	12	16
Other	198	193	215	188	193	152	169	189	188	180
TOTAL	705	630	623	596	599	523	594	604	610	555
AROOSTOOK Court										
Damages	79	80	92	115	115	68	67	79	92	109
Personal Injury	61	101	81	84	91	47	64	85	77	94
Contract	88	32	46	106	111	49	42	52	64	80
Divorce	14	7	12	10	11	10	14	14	10	8
Traffic Infraction Appeals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Habeas Corpus	5	1	1	-	-	5	5	3	-	-
Appeals from District Ct.	11	5	2	10	10	12	12	7	7	15
Other	96	134	76	36	40	103	126	123	73	68
TOTAL	354	360	311	361	378	294	330	363	324	374
CUMBERLAND Court										
Damages	313	401	235	267	316	232	252	258	241	282
Personal Injury	232	147	219	220	217	220	164	175	198	208
Contract	346	381	378	375	254	266	325	357	336	323
Divorce	123	177	175	151	169	119	121	151	145	169
Traffic Infraction Appeals	11	9	11	12	9	10	8	9	5	16
Habeas Corpus	12	10	6	1	1	10	13	8	4	2
Appeals from District Ct.	39	23	64	53	74	48	35	63	46	54
Other	366	429	522	451	379	546	456	425	469	524
TOTAL	1,442	1,577	1,610	1,530	1,419	1,451	1,374	1,446	1,444	1,578
FRANKLIN Court										
Damages	21	15	15	4	14	9	13	22	10	17
Personal Injury	17	20	19	22	22	16	11	14	21	18
Contract	42	45	51	28	21	44	25	51	45	29
Divorce	27	26	44	29	18	14	26	30	46	18
Traffic Infraction Appeals	1	1	2	1	2	2	-	3	1	-
Habeas Corpus	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
Appeals from District Ct.	4	13	1	6	13	5	4	9	5	15
Other	26	37	37	45	38	22	33	25	34	57
TOTAL	139	157	169	135	129	114	233	208	162	642

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
HANCOCK Court										
Damages	31	37	46	16	37	22	23	30	30	26
Personal Injury	37	31	29	37	34	37	32	22	24	38
Contract	76	47	43	71	48	52	55	54	47	56
Divorce	21	13	26	18	17	32	19	20	25	14
Traffic Infraction Appeals	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	1
Habeas Corpus	5	2	1	-	-	2	4	2	-	1
Appeals from District Ct.	4	8	13	3	6	5	8	9	5	7
Other	99	86	52	66	56	89	90	71	63	83
TOTAL	274	225	211	211	198	239	233	208	194	226
KENNEBEC Court										
Damages	131	52	46	52	64	82	108	74	57	53
Personal Injury	92	79	72	56	94	77	94	92	85	84
Contract	166	128	122	118	66	129	159	151	124	119
Divorce	26	21	24	23	23	21	25	23	19	29
Traffic Infraction Appeals	7	4	-	-	1	17	1	4	-	-
Habeas Corpus	5	5	1	-	-	3	3	11	2	-
Appeals from District Ct.	24	7	25	36	24	26	25	14	39	20
Other	322	401	341	342	335	374	362	358	350	337
TOTAL	773	697	631	627	607	729	777	727	676	642
KNOX Court										
Damages	50	40	45	30	38	31	33	37	37	37
Personal Injury	23	30	21	31	26	25	30	39	30	22
Contract	51	55	44	35	23	49	53	56	51	35
Divorce	19	6	8	6	13	10	10	6	10	9
Traffic Infraction Appeals	4	-	5	2	2	1	3	4	3	2
Habeas Corpus	9	5	3	3	1	10	7	6	5	-
Appeals from District Ct.	8	8	11	8	16	2	13	11	9	9
Other	50	46	56	49	39	50	45	65	55	61
TOTAL	214	190	193	164	158	178	194	224	200	175
LINCOLN Court										
Damages	24	34	27	24	42	32	18	24	22	37
Personal Injury	15	19	19	24	26	14	19	14	16	23
Contract	23	21	24	25	44	25	20	17	21	35
Divorce	11	7	4	4	3	5	8	6	6	4
Traffic Infraction Appeals	3	-	2	3	2	2	1	-	3	2
Habeas Corpus	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-
Appeals from District Ct.	5	5	11	11	6	4	7	5	10	11
Other	50	48	48	61	46	56	45	36	66	55
TOTAL	131	136	135	152	169	139	120	103	144	167

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
OXFORD Court										
Damages	21	21	14	32	57	44	34	19	25	22
Personal Injury	23	30	36	47	24	26	26	23	32	39
Contract	57	56	46	51	33	41	59	42	58	44
Divorce	12	21	19	13	17	15	19	22	16	14
Traffic Infraction Appeals	2	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-
Habeas Corpus	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	-
Appeals from District Ct.	7	21	23	11	6	3	10	16	25	9
Other	55	60	61	51	34	64	71	54	55	48
TOTAL	187	212	199	205	171	195	225	176	213	176
PENOBSCOT Court										
Damages	106	100	71	86	71	64	70	85	85	66
Personal Injury	140	138	168	143	168	110	143	128	168	156
Contract	217	214	164	145	181	204	217	172	224	161
Divorce	46	24	25	42	28	39	43	34	36	27
Traffic Infraction Appeals	3	1	10	6	4	2	2	4	8	3
Habeas Corpus	16	10	3	7	1	16	14	4	10	1
Appeals from District Ct.	36	28	27	30	36	24	26	25	29	34
Other	220	203	225	186	117	225	225	191	245	169
TOTAL	784	718	693	645	606	684	740	643	805	617
PISCATAQUIS Court										
Damages	8	2	2	11	4	7	6	5	4	1
Personal Injury	6	13	6	5	16	6	4	8	9	3
Contract	5	11	7	7	10	8	9	11	9	5
Divorce	3	3	5	3	3	4	1	5	4	-
Traffic Infraction Appeals	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Habeas Corpus	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
Appeals from District Ct.	9	3	9	3	6	10	6	7	4	7
Other	19	18	19	10	10	21	20	18	17	11
TOTAL	51	50	49	41	49	56	47	56	48	28
SAGADAHOC Court										
Damages	21	14	16	7	11	30	19	13	9	13
Personal Injury	33	34	32	24	43	26	28	35	23	31
Contract	39	41	23	21	14	49	42	30	33	23
Divorce	4	6	11	8	4	4	8	11	4	6
Traffic Infraction Appeals	2	2	5	7	2	1	1	4	9	-
Habeas Corpus	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-
Appeals from District Ct.	6	5	6	4	4	6	7	6	4	3
Other	45	32	44	39	61	53	30	34	40	49
TOTAL	151	135	137	110	139	171	136	133	123	125

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
SOMERSET Court										
Damages	55	44	36	46	20	42	56	47	43	37
Personal Injury	54	43	50	55	58	39	32	38	49	47
Contract	41	71	113	80	100	82	57	73	93	96
Divorce	74	78	93	83	41	78	82	100	81	67
Traffic Infraction Appeals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus	4	6	4	-	-	4	10	4	1	-
Appeals from District Ct.	4	-	-	-	9	2	5	1	-	6
Other	37	29	20	27	19	54	27	29	26	29
TOTAL	269	271	316	291	247	301	269	292	293	282
WALDO Court										
Damages	26	17	22	24	12	13	13	26	18	21
Personal Injury	20	16	18	22	21	22	22	19	21	19
Contract	30	39	24	28	25	44	40	29	44	21
Divorce	5	10	9	-	5	6	7	10	5	5
Traffic Infraction Appeals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-
Appeals from District Ct.	6	4	2	4	2	4	3	4	3	3
Other	58	44	41	18	20	39	53	52	44	43
TOTAL	147	130	117	96	85	130	138	141	135	112
WASHINGTON Court										
Damages	24	13	18	6	17	16	13	18	14	15
Personal Injury	25	24	22	22	32	21	25	31	12	23
Contract	47	45	30	35	18	23	48	49	30	28
Divorce	26	9	10	5	7	15	14	17	10	4
Traffic Infraction Appeals	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
Habeas Corpus	3	1	1	-	-	3	1	1	-	-
Appeals from District Ct.	9	6	14	5	8	9	7	15	7	4
Other	56	80	72	49	39	68	65	83	54	42
TOTAL	193	178	167	122	121	156	173	216	127	116
YORK Court										
Damages	77	99	108	120	155	68	90	85	94	119
Personal Injury	42	104	130	143	161	70	63	72	117	120
Contract	69	49	189	254	158	75	58	86	180	185
Divorce	49	42	48	31	26	39	47	46	40	28
Traffic Infraction Appeals	3	10	5	8	3	3	10	3	7	5
Habeas Corpus	4	4	2	-	2	7	5	3	-	-
Appeals from District Ct.	19	36	56	35	35	25	35	49	39	38
Other	388	436	271	200	212	348	435	356	225	278
TOTAL	651	780	809	791	752	635	743	700	702	773

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 NO. DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 NO. DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
STATE TOTAL				
- Default Judgment	243	3.9	191	3.1
- Rule 41 (a)	2,791	45.0	2,790	45.7
- Rule 41 (b)	927	15.0	782	12.8
- Dismissal	176	2.8	202	3.3
- Summary Judgment	298	4.8	336	5.5
- Final Order	436	7.0	355	5.8
- Divorce Decree	342	5.5	295	4.8
- Appeal Sustained	48	.8	51	.8
- Appeal Denied	168	2.7	208	3.4
- Writ Denied	4	.1	1	
- Writ Granted	4	.1	1	
- Court Finding	125	2.0	120	2.0
- Jury Verdict	165	2.7	165	2.7
- Directed Verdict	10	.2	12	.2
- Multiple Judgments	45	.7	41	.7
- Other	418	6.7	550	9.0
TOTAL	6,200	100.0	6,100	100.0

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ANDROSCOGGIN				
- Default Judgment	23	3.8	33	5.9
- Rule 41 (a)	293	48.0	290	52.3
- Rule 41 (b)	109	17.9	75	13.5
- Dismissal	10	1.6	11	2.0
- Summary Judgment	24	3.9	29	5.2
- Final Order	60	9.8	1	.2
- Divorce Decree	18	3.0	9	1.6
- Appeal Sustained	3	.5	2	.4
- Appeal Denied	3	.5	8	1.4
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	8	1.3	8	1.4
- Jury Verdict	21	3.4	15	2.7
- Directed Verdict	1	.2		
- Multiple Judgments	4	.7	2	.4
- Other	33	5.4	72	13.0
TOTAL	610	100.0	555	100.0
AROOSTOOK				
- Default Judgment	14	4.3	6	1.6
- Rule 41 (a)	166	51.2	187	50.0
- Rule 41 (b)	45	13.9	45	12.0
- Dismissal	3	.9	4	1.1
- Summary Judgment	15	4.6	21	5.6
- Final Order	39	12.0	51	13.6
- Divorce Decree	7	2.2	7	1.9
- Appeal Sustained				
- Appeal Denied	2	.6	3	.8
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	7	2.2	11	2.9
- Jury Verdict	16	4.9	19	5.1
- Directed Verdict			2	.5
- Multiple Judgments			3	.8
- Other	10	3.1	15	4.0
TOTAL	324	100.0	374	100.0

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CUMBERLAND				
- Default Judgment	64	4.4	49	3.1
- Rule 41 (a)	703	48.7	660	41.8
- Rule 41 (b)	212	14.7	214	13.6
- Dismissal	45	3.1	82	5.2
- Summary Judgment	71	4.9	71	4.5
- Final Order	29	2.0	74	4.7
- Divorce Decree	111	7.7	118	7.5
- Appeal Sustained	14	1.0	29	1.8
- Appeal Denied	37	2.6	71	4.5
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted			1	.1
- Court Finding	9	.6	9	.6
- Jury Verdict	28	1.9	42	2.7
- Directed Verdict	2	.1		
- Multiple Judgments	9	.6	3	.2
- Other	110	7.6	155	9.8
TOTAL	1,444	100.0	1,578	100.0
FRANKLIN				
- Default Judgment	5	3.1	4	2.6
- Rule 41 (a)	47	29.0	63	40.9
- Rule 41 (b)	31	19.1	17	11.0
- Dismissal	4	2.5	6	3.9
- Summary Judgment	5	3.1	16	10.4
- Final Order				
- Divorce Decree	39	24.1	10	6.5
- Appeal Sustained	3	1.9	5	3.2
- Appeal Denied	3	1.9	10	6.5
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted	1	.6		
- Court Finding	1	.6	3	1.9
- Jury Verdict	6	3.7	3	1.9
- Directed Verdict				
- Multiple Judgments			4	2.6
- Other	17	10.5	13	8.4
TOTAL	162	100.0	154	100.0

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HANCOCK				
- Default Judgment	11	5.7	3	1.3
- Rule 41 (a)	82	42.3	95	42.0
- Rule 41 (b)	19	9.8	32	14.2
- Dismissal	6	3.1	8	3.5
- Summary Judgment	12	6.2	13	5.8
- Final Order	13	6.7	4	1.8
- Divorce Decree	10	5.2	12	5.3
- Appeal Sustained	1	.5	3	1.3
- Appeal Denied	6	3.1	7	3.1
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	1	.5	9	4.0
- Jury Verdict	5	2.6	5	2.2
- Directed Verdict	1	.5	2	.9
- Multiple Judgments	2	1.0		
- Other	25	12.9	33	14.6
TOTAL	194	100.0	226	100.0
KENNEBEC				
- Default Judgment	27	4.0	16	2.5
- Rule 41 (a)	267	39.5	262	40.8
- Rule 41 (b)	120	17.8	80	12.5
- Dismissal	27	4.0	18	2.8
- Summary Judgment	18	2.7	42	6.5
- Final Order	102	15.1	87	13.6
- Divorce Decree	16	2.4	22	3.4
- Appeal Sustained	6	.9	8	1.2
- Appeal Denied	21	3.1	28	4.4
- Writ Denied	2	.3		
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	9	1.3	19	3.0
- Jury Verdict	20	3.0	12	1.9
- Directed Verdict	2	.3		
- Multiple Judgments	7	1.0	18	2.8
- Other	32	4.7	30	4.7
TOTAL	676	100.0	642	100.0

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KNOX				
- Default Judgment	7	3.5	2	1.1
- Rule 41 (a)	79	39.5	78	44.6
- Rule 41 (b)	36	18.0	19	10.9
- Dismissal	6	3.0	13	7.4
- Summary Judgment	8	4.0	4	2.3
- Final Order			1	.6
- Divorce Decree	8	4.0	5	2.9
- Appeal Sustained	1	.5		
- Appeal Denied	4	2.0	5	2.9
- Writ Denied	1	.5		
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	9	4.5	6	3.4
- Jury Verdict	5	2.5	5	2.9
- Directed Verdict				
- Multiple Judgments			5	2.9
- Other	36	18.0	32	18.3
TOTAL	200	100.0	175	100.0
LINCOLN				
- Default Judgment	4	2.8	4	2.4
- Rule 41 (a)	72	50.0	91	54.5
- Rule 41 (b)	16	11.1	8	4.8
- Dismissal	2	1.4	9	5.4
- Summary Judgment	12	8.3	27	16.2
- Final Order			1	.6
- Divorce Decree	3	2.1	4	2.4
- Appeal Sustained			1	.6
- Appeal Denied	11	7.6	8	4.8
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	6	4.2	4	2.4
- Jury Verdict	3	2.1	9	5.4
- Directed Verdict				
- Multiple Judgments	12	8.3		
- Other	3	2.1	1	.6
TOTAL	144	100.0	167	100.0

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OXFORD				
- Default Judgment	8	3.8	1	.6
- Rule 41 (a)	72	33.8	81	46.0
- Rule 41 (b)	51	23.9	17	9.7
- Dismissal	3	1.4	5	2.8
- Summary Judgment	6	2.8	10	5.7
- Final Order	25	11.7	30	17.0
- Divorce Decree	10	4.7	10	5.7
- Appeal Sustained				
- Appeal Denied	15	7.0	4	2.3
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted	2	.9		
- Court Finding	7	3.3	2	1.1
- Jury Verdict	4	1.9	7	4.0
- Directed Verdict			1	.6
- Multiple Judgments				
- Other	10	4.7	8	4.5
TOTAL	213	100.0	176	100.0
PENOBSCOT				
- Default Judgment	19	2.4	21	3.4
- Rule 41 (a)	385	47.8	357	57.9
- Rule 41 (b)	180	22.4	72	11.7
- Dismissal	33	4.1	16	2.6
- Summary Judgment	11	1.4	22	3.6
- Final Order	55	6.8	4	.6
- Divorce Decree	21	2.6	18	2.9
- Appeal Sustained	8	1.0	1	.2
- Appeal Denied	10	1.2	15	2.4
- Writ Denied	1	.1		
- Writ Granted	1	.1		
- Court Finding	20	2.5	19	3.1
- Jury Verdict	15	1.9	10	1.6
- Directed Verdict			3	.5
- Multiple Judgments	7	.9	1	.2
- Other	39	4.8	58	9.4
TOTAL	805	100.0	617	100.0

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PISCATAQUIS				
- Default Judgment	3	6.3	1	3.6
- Rule 41 (a)	22	45.8	10	35.7
- Rule 41 (b)	4	8.3	1	3.6
- Dismissal				
- Summary Judgment			1	3.6
- Final Order				
- Divorce Decree	3	6.3		
- Appeal Sustained			1	3.6
- Appeal Denied	2	4.2	3	10.7
- Writ Denied			1	3.6
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	2	4.2	2	7.1
- Jury Verdict	2	4.2		
- Directed Verdict				
- Multiple Judgments				
- Other	10	20.8	8	28.6
TOTAL	48	100.0	28	100.0
SAGADAHOC				
- Default Judgment	1	.8	3	2.4
- Rule 41 (a)	50	40.7	65	52.0
- Rule 41 (b)	20	16.3	10	8.0
- Dismissal	3	2.4	2	1.6
- Summary Judgment	7	5.7	4	3.2
- Final Order	7	5.7	6	4.8
- Divorce Decree	2	1.6	4	3.2
- Appeal Sustained			1	.8
- Appeal Denied	12	9.8	7	5.6
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	7	5.7	5	4.0
- Jury Verdict	3	2.4	7	5.6
- Directed Verdict				
- Multiple Judgments	1	.8		
- Other	10	8.1	11	8.8
TOTAL	123	100.0	125	100.0

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SOMERSET				
- Default Judgment	6	2.0	10	3.5
- Rule 41 (a)	123	42.0	113	40.1
- Rule 41 (b)	22	7.5	13	4.6
- Dismissal	8	2.7	5	1.8
- Summary Judgment	14	4.8	16	5.7
- Final Order	33	11.3	36	12.8
- Divorce Decree	57	19.5	52	18.4
- Appeal Sustained	5	1.7		
- Appeal Denied	7	2.4	10	3.5
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	3	1.0	7	2.5
- Jury Verdict	9	3.1	13	4.6
- Directed Verdict	1	.3	1	.4
- Multiple Judgments			3	1.1
- Other	5	1.7	3	1.1
TOTAL	293	100.0	282	100.0
WALDO				
- Default Judgment	12	8.9	4	3.6
- Rule 41 (a)	65	48.1	47	42.0
- Rule 41 (b)	16	11.9	17	15.2
- Dismissal	2	1.5	7	6.3
- Summary Judgment	12	8.9	6	5.4
- Final Order	12	8.9	5	4.5
- Divorce Decree	3	2.2	3	2.7
- Appeal Sustained				
- Appeal Denied	1	.7	2	1.8
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	5	3.7	4	3.6
- Jury Verdict	2	1.5	6	5.4
- Directed Verdict	1	.7	1	.9
- Multiple Judgments	2	1.5		
- Other	2	1.5	10	8.9
TOTAL	135	100.0	112	100.0

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* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled.
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.
- Types of dispositions are defined on Page 97 of this report.

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CIVIL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 NO. DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 NO. DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
WASHINGTON				
- Default Judgment	11	8.7	3	2.6
- Rule 41 (a)	51	40.2	48	41.4
- Rule 41 (b)	5	3.9	26	22.4
- Dismissal	6	4.7	6	5.2
- Summary Judgment	19	15.0	5	4.3
- Final Order	2	1.6	9	7.8
- Divorce Decree	6	4.7	1	.9
- Appeal Sustained	3	2.4		
- Appeal Denied	6	4.7	1	.9
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	8	6.3	3	2.6
- Jury Verdict	4	3.1	2	1.7
- Directed Verdict			1	.9
- Multiple Judgments			2	1.7
- Other	6	4.7	9	7.8
TOTAL	127	100.0	116	100.0
YORK				
- Default Judgment	28	4.0	31	4.0
- Rule 41 (a)	314	44.7	343	44.4
- Rule 41 (b)	41	5.8	136	17.6
- Dismissal	18	2.6	10	1.3
- Summary Judgment	64	9.1	49	6.3
- Final Order	59	8.4	46	6.0
- Divorce Decree	28	4.0	20	2.6
- Appeal Sustained	4	.6		
- Appeal Denied	28	4.0	26	3.4
- Writ Denied				
- Writ Granted				
- Court Finding	23	3.3	9	1.2
- Jury Verdict	22	3.1	10	1.3
- Directed Verdict	2	.3	1	.1
- Multiple Judgments	1	.1		
- Other	70	10.0	92	11.9
TOTAL	702	100.0	773	100.0

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- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.
- Types of dispositions are defined on Page 97 of this report.

TABLE SC-10

SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL JURY TRIALS *

	1979		1980		1981		1982		1983	
	No.of Trials	No.of Days	No.of Trials	No.of Days	No.of Trials	No.of Days	No.of Trials	No.of Days	No.of Trials	No.of Days
- Cumberland	43	82.5	33	91.0	34	79.0	31	113.5	52	162.0
- Lincoln	6	8.5	4	8.0	4	12.5	4	11.0	9	48.0
- Sagadahoc	3	5.5	8	15.0	6	15.0	5	21.5	7	30.5
- York	26	41.0	19	47.0	26	64.5	27	60.0	15	34.5
Sub Total	78	137.5	64	161.0	70	171.0	67	206.0	83	275.0
- Androscoggin	7	30.0	11	16.0	16	33.0	26	65.5	17	32.0
- Franklin	2	2.0	2	4.0	7	15.5	8	10.5	3	6.0
- Kennebec	7	12.5	15	26.0	18	67.5	22	52.0	13	49.0
- Knox	8	21.5	8	13.5	8	34.0	7	21.5	8	27.0
- Oxford	3	6.0	4	11.0	1	1.5	5	9.0	8	15.5
- Somerset	9	18.5	10	13.5	8	12.5	11	25.0	14	34.5
- Waldo	6	11.0	3	8.5	5	9.5	4	8.0	8	18.0
Sub Total	42	101.5	53	92.5	63	173.5	83	191.5	71	182.0
- Aroostook	8	19.0	9	23.0	6	17.5	18	44.0	25	53.0
- Hancock	7	9.5	6	10.5	6	13.5	6	13.5	7	12.0
- Penobscot	6	14.5	15	30.5	19	30.5	20	39.5	19	33.0
- Piscataquis	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.0	0	0
- Washington	3	5.0	9	17.0	8	14.5	4	8.0	2	2.0
Sub Total	24	48.0	39	81.0	39	76.0	50	110.0	53	100.0
STATE TOTAL	144	287.0	156	334.5	172	420.5	200	507.5	207	557.0

*- Includes cases filed and refiled.

- There are some discrepancies in calculating the number of jury trial days which may affect the accuracy of these figures. The problem occurs when cases scheduled for trial undergo multiple voir dire (the justice conducts voir dire for several cases on one day, instead of limiting it to the one case facing imminent trial). Since the court clerks are instructed to calculate trial days by rounding to the nearest .5 day, each of four cases voir dired on one day, for example, would have .5 day added to their total trial time, resulting in a total of 2 trial days being reported for only 1 day of actual trial activity.

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TABLE SC-11

CIVIL NON-JURY TRIALS *

	1979		1980		1981		1982		1983	
	No. of Trials	No. of Days	No. of Trials	No. of Days	No. of Trials	No. of Days	No. of Trials	No. of Days	No. of Trials	No. of Days
- Cumberland	35	32.0	31	29.0	31	39.5	24	25.5	38	50.0
- Lincoln	7	5.0	7	5.0	8	8.0	10	5.5	6	4.0
- Sagadahoc	6	7.0	3	1.5	6	5.5	8	8.0	6	6.5
- York	31	32.0	51	47.5	33	27.0	26	26.0	12	8.5
Sub Total	79	76.0	92	83.0	78	80.0	68	65.0	62	69.0
- Androscoggin	14	12.5	30	25.5	22	15.0	10	6.5	8	6.0
- Franklin	10	6.0	10	6.5	8	9.5	3	2.0	4	2.5
- Kennebec	11	9.0	27	26.0	29	31.0	16	26.0	27	25.5
- Knox	16	14.0	26	15.5	25	16.5	18	12.0	12	16.0
- Oxford	5	3.5	4	2.5	4	3.0	9	5.5	5	6.0
- Somerset	6	4.5	28	17.5	13	7.0	5	5.5	9	9.5
- Waldo	7	6.5	3	3.0	4	4.0	5	3.0	4	3.0
Sub Total	69	56.0	128	96.5	105	86.0	66	60.5	69	68.5
- Aroostook	7	6.0	1	1.0	8	7.0	10	6.5	15	10.5
- Hancock	11	15.5	23	19.5	7	6.0	3	3.0	14	11.5
- Penobscot	25	24.5	32	26.0	42	41.0	29	24.5	30	23.5
- Piscataquis	6	4.0	6	3.5	–	–	3	1.5	2	1.0
- Washington	15	14.0	7	5.0	15	11.5	11	6.0	7	7.5
Sub Total	64	64.0	69	55.0	72	65.5	56	41.5	68	54.0
STATE TOTAL	212	196.0	289	234.5	255	231.5	190	167.0	199	191.5

*Includes cases filed and refiled.

This table may not reflect the true number of civil non-jury trials held in the Superior Court because the statistical definition has been interpreted differently throughout the state. The definition instructs clerks to count those cases included on their non-jury trial list, but differing scheduling practices may result in a non-jury trial being counted in one court while a similar trial may not be counted in another court. It is anticipated that this problem will be resolved during 1984.

There are some discrepancies in calculating the number of non-jury trial days which may affect the accuracy of these figures. The problem occurs when cases scheduled for trial undergo multiple voir dire (the justice conducts voir dire for several cases on one day, instead of limiting it to the one case facing imminent trial). Since the court clerks are instructed to calculate trial days by rounding to the nearest .5 day, each of four cases voir dired on one day, for example, would have .5 day added to their total trial time, resulting in a total of 2 trial days being reported for only 1 day of actual trial activity.

TABLE SC-12

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL CASELOAD TIME REPORT*
PENDING CASES
1983

NUMBER OF CASES FROM FILING OR REFILING TO 12/31/83

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271 - 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- 2 Yrs.	2 Yrs.- 3 Yrs.	3 Yrs.- 5 Yrs.	5 Yrs. & Up	Total No. of Cases	Average No. of Days
Cumberland	304	294	223	209	685	327	243	75	2,360	559
Lincoln	23	25	28	21	51	33	14	-	195	479
Sagadahoc	32	24	22	28	42	29	22	2	201	500
York	154	144	135	106	345	167	87	17	1,155	501
Androscoggin	103	128	110	107	309	158	93	17	1,025	536
Franklin	29	17	23	15	55	18	14	2	173	477
Kennebec	127	103	98	77	239	131	91	33	899	568
Knox	31	31	23	17	56	33	13	2	206	478
Oxford	39	34	31	19	84	32	18	3	260	463
Somerset	50	51	27	33	75	51	23	2	312	463
Waldo	22	11	5	11	40	9	16	3	117	559
Aroostook	92	64	67	52	140	63	57	12	547	527
Hancock	43	35	35	19	105	49	39	19	344	652
Penobscot	133	116	99	95	255	118	70	33	919	536
Piscataquis	13	13	5	3	20	11	4	2	71	486
Washington	26	24	20	18	55	37	27	9	216	619
STATE TOTAL	1,221	1,114	951	830	2,556	1,266	831	231	9,000	537

*Includes cases filed and refiled.

TABLE SC-13

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL CASELOAD TIME REPORT*
AVERAGE TIME TO JURY TRIAL
1979 - 1983

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING OR REFILING TO JURY TRIAL

	1979		1980		1981		1982		1983	
	No. Of Jury Trials	Avg. Days To Trial	No. Of Jury Trials	Avg. Days To Trial	No. Of Jury Trials	Avg. Days To Trial	No. Of Jury Trials	Avg. Days To Trial	No. Of Jury Trials	Avg. Days To Trial
Cumberland	43	611	33	871	34	927	31	1201	52	1174
Lincoln	6	457	4	501	4	585	4	767	9	689
Sagadahoc	3	241	8	424	6	416	5	671	7	943
York	26	834	19	737	26	815	27	820	15	730
Androscoggin	7	1233	11	973	16	1089	26	1156	17	1034
Franklin	2	441	2	785	7	989	8	737	3	1127
Kennebec	7	662	15	803	18	1025	22	973	13	873
Knox	8	740	8	945	8	1343	7	1215	8	1196
Oxford	3	793	4	1144	1	459	5	958	8	591
Somerset	9	512	10	654	8	813	11	571	14	821
Waldo	6	968	3	771	5	927	4	890	8	1180
Aroostook	8	559	9	707	6	1138	18	714	25	909
Hancock	7	462	6	495	6	809	6	1495	7	977
Penobscot	6	729	15	619	19	732	20	783	19	773
Piscataquis	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	871	-	-
Washington	3	728	9	827	8	816	4	457	2	613
STATE TOTAL	144	684	156	766	172	900	200	937	207	956

*Includes cases filed and refiled.

TABLE SC-14

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL CASELOAD TIME REPORT*
AVERAGE TIME TO DISPOSITION
1979 - 1983

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING OR REFILING TO DISPOSITION

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Cumberland	542	517	496	572	610
- Lincoln	386	405	454	491	375
- Sagadahoc	545	487	499	540	584
- York	543	527	498	439	564
- Androscoggin	444	510	544	619	590
- Franklin	360	269	610	563	520
- Kennebec	503	570	580	586	549
- Knox	503	551	610	517	528
- Oxford	444	560	462	574	478
- Somerset	479	513	390	424	465
- Waldo	443	495	581	583	635
- Aroostook	463	581	574	503	553
- Hancock	451	452	571	544	595
- Penobscot	484	490	443	613	550
- Piscataquis	599	432	519	488	435
- Washington	458	493	524	417	626
STATE TOTAL	496	515	516	549	564

*Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled.

SUPERIOR COURT

TABLE SC-15

CIVIL CASELOAD TIME REPORT *

ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION

1983

NUMBER OF CASES FROM FILING OR REFILING TO PRE-TRIAL MEMO

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271- 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- Up	Average # of Days
- Cumberland	50	54	46	35	129	385
- Lincoln	4	5	3	3	13	413
- Sagadahoc	5	10	4	7	15	392
- York	36	35	27	22	64	362
- Androscoggin	24	22	25	17	55	376
- Franklin	5	7	4	7	12	396
- Kennebec	33	21	11	17	64	404
- Knox	7	12	10	7	12	351
- Oxford	8	10	9	7	13	306
- Somerset	6	10	7	9	33	425
- Waldo	-	6	-	5	15	506
- Aroostook	40	36	10	19	47	336
- Hancock	10	10	7	9	11	286
- Penobscot	32	32	26	17	55	356
- Piscataquis	2	-	-	1	3	435
- Washington	7	3	7	1	13	354
STATE TOTAL	269	273	196	183	554	373

NUMBER OF CASES FROM PRE-TRIAL MEMO TO PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271- 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- Up	Average # of Days
- Cumberland	11	17	21	79	94	347
- Lincoln	17	9	-	-	-	77
- Sagadahoc	23	9	3	-	1	104
- York	14	32	63	13	8	216
- Androscoggin	2	6	2	12	66	450
- Franklin	7	12	5	-	4	167
- Kennebec	19	27	32	15	11	217
- Knox	18	15	1	2	4	161
- Oxford	9	19	12	3	4	180
- Somerset	17	28	4	5	4	157
- Waldo	8	12	1	2	1	143
- Aroostook	54	32	13	3	9	151
- Hancock	7	25	8	1	-	143
- Penobscot	23	71	9	3	5	150
- Piscataquis	3	3	-	-	-	87
- Washington	6	12	4	1	1	147
STATE TOTAL	238	329	178	139	212	227

* - Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled.
- See narrative on page 50 for explanation of this table.

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CIVIL CASELOAD TIME REPORT*

1983

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(cont.)

NUMBER OF CASES FROM PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE TO JURY TRIAL

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271-1 Yr.	1 Yr.-Up	Average # of Days
- Cumberland	1	8	6	7	25	409
- Lincoln	-	-	-	-	3	819
- Sagadahoc	-	1	1	-	5	475
- York	1	3	1	3	4	299
- Androscoggin	-	4	5	5	3	333
- Franklin	-	1	1	-	1	844
- Kennebec	-	4	2	2	5	395
- Knox	-	2	-	1	5	381
- Oxford	2	-	3	2	1	229
- Somerset	3	6	1	2	2	210
- Waldo	-	-	1	-	7	588
- Aroostook	1	4	6	1	13	391
- Hancock	1	1	-	1	5	440
- Penobscot	-	6	4	3	6	337
- Piscataquis	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Washington	1	-	-	-	1	230
STATE TOTAL	10	40	31	27	86	385

NUMBER OF CASES FROM PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE TO NON-JURY TRIAL

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271-1 Yr.	1 Yr.-Up	Average # of Days
- Cumberland	13	8	4	1	6	275
- Lincoln	3	-	1	-	1	164
- Sagadahoc	1	3	-	-	-	93
- York	2	5	1	2	1	187
- Androscoggin	1	-	1	1	5	488
- Franklin	1	-	1	-	1	288
- Kennebec	10	9	3	1	3	170
- Knox	1	3	3	-	2	205
- Oxford	2	-	1	-	-	124
- Somerset	1	-	1	2	3	300
- Waldo	-	1	-	-	2	413
- Aroostook	4	2	1	1	2	187
- Hancock	1	-	2	6	4	420
- Penobscot	14	3	1	1	6	180
- Piscataquis	-	-	-	-	2	1,472
- Washington	2	2	-	1	2	252
STATE TOTAL	56	36	20	16	40	258

*See narrative on page 50 for explanation of this table.

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SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL CASELOAD TIME REPORT*

1983

NUMBER OF CASES FROM FILING OR REFILING TO DISPOSITION

	0-90 Days	91-180 Days	181-270 Days	271 - 1 Yr.	1 Yr.- 2 Yrs.	2 Yrs.- 3 Yrs.	3 Yrs.- 5 Yrs.	5 Yrs. & Up	Total No. of Cases	Average No. of Days
- Cumberland	239	191	131	102	281	397	198	39	1,578	610
- Lincoln	29	33	30	21	29	15	8	2	167	375
- Sagadahoc	21	14	11	12	21	25	19	2	125	584
- York	121	119	77	50	137	175	71	23	773	564
- Androscoggin	91	68	50	42	71	157	64	12	555	590
- Franklin	15	34	19	7	31	34	10	4	154	520
- Kennebec	122	86	66	46	95	137	74	16	642	549
- Knox	32	26	14	13	38	33	13	6	175	528
- Oxford	26	27	21	14	42	33	11	2	176	478
- Somerset	50	52	32	19	48	60	17	4	282	465
- Waldo	19	15	6	10	13	32	12	5	112	635
- Aroostook	65	52	37	31	60	77	46	6	374	553
- Hancock	36	27	21	15	49	37	34	7	226	595
- Penobscot	95	87	66	42	124	134	54	15	617	550
- Piscataquis	10	7	1	-	4	3	1	2	28	435
- Washington	19	13	11	6	19	20	28	-	116	626
STATE TOTAL	990	851	593	430	1,062	1,369	660	145	6,100	564

*See narrative on page 50 for explanation of this table.

CIVIL DEFINITIONS

REFILING:

These are matters which have been previously disposed and which have been brought before the Superior Court for further action, although for statistical purposes, such matters are limited to the following circumstances:

1. When a case remanded to the District Court returns to the Superior Court for further action.

2. When a case appealed to the Law Court returns to the Superior Court for further action.

3. When a mistrial occurs and a second trial is required; when a motion for a new trial is granted; or when a case, for any other reason, requires a trial after its original disposition.

4. When a motion for relief from judgment is granted, or a case is reinstated on the docket after judgment has been entered (Rule 60(b)).

TYPE OF CASE:

1. Damages: An action in which claim for relief is based on physical damage to property or reputation.

2. Personal Injury: An action in which claim for relief is based on physical or mental injury.

3. Contract: An action in which claim for relief arises out of alleged violation of an agreement, including cases commonly referred to as agreements and promissory notes.

4. Divorce: An action brought in order to dissolve a marriage.

5. Traffic Infraction Appeals: A Superior Court review of a District Court decision under Title 29.

6. Habeas Corpus: The demand of a party to be released from alleged illegal confinement. Pursuant to 15 M.R.S.A. § 2129 effective July 1, 1980, petitions for post-conviction relief became criminal proceedings.

7. Other Appeals from District Court: A Superior Court review of an action decided in District Court, with the exception of traffic infractions.

8. Other: An action which is not included in any of the above categories (e.g., quiet title, legal separation, mechanic's lien, Rule 80B Appeals).

TYPE OF DISPOSITION:

1. Default Judgment: The justice or clerk of court enters a judgment resulting from the failure of the defendant to take a necessary step under the civil rules.

2. Rule 41(a): A voluntary dismissal of the plaintiff or stipulation of all the parties.

3. Rule 41(b): A dismissal on court order for failure to take significant action in a case for two years.

4. Dismissal: A judicial determination of dismissal after a motion and hearing.

5. Summary Judgment: A judgment rendered on the basis of the pleadings.

6. Final Order: An order entered to dispose of an habitual offender, URESA, reference case, or Proforma Decree.

7. Divorce Decree: A court decree issued to dissolve a marriage.

8. Appeal Sustained: A judicial decision reversing the judgment entered in the District Court.

9. Appeal Denied: A judicial decision upholding the judgment entered in the District Court.

10. Writ Denied: Denial of a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

11. Writ Granted: Granting of a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

12. Court Finding: A judgment entered by a justice in a court (jury waived) trial.

13. Jury Verdict: A disposition rendered by a jury.

14. Directed Verdict: A direction by the justice to the jury to make a specific finding.

15. Multiple Judgments: Cases consolidated for jury or jury waived trial.

16. Other: A disposition which is not included in any of the above categories (e.g., change of venue).

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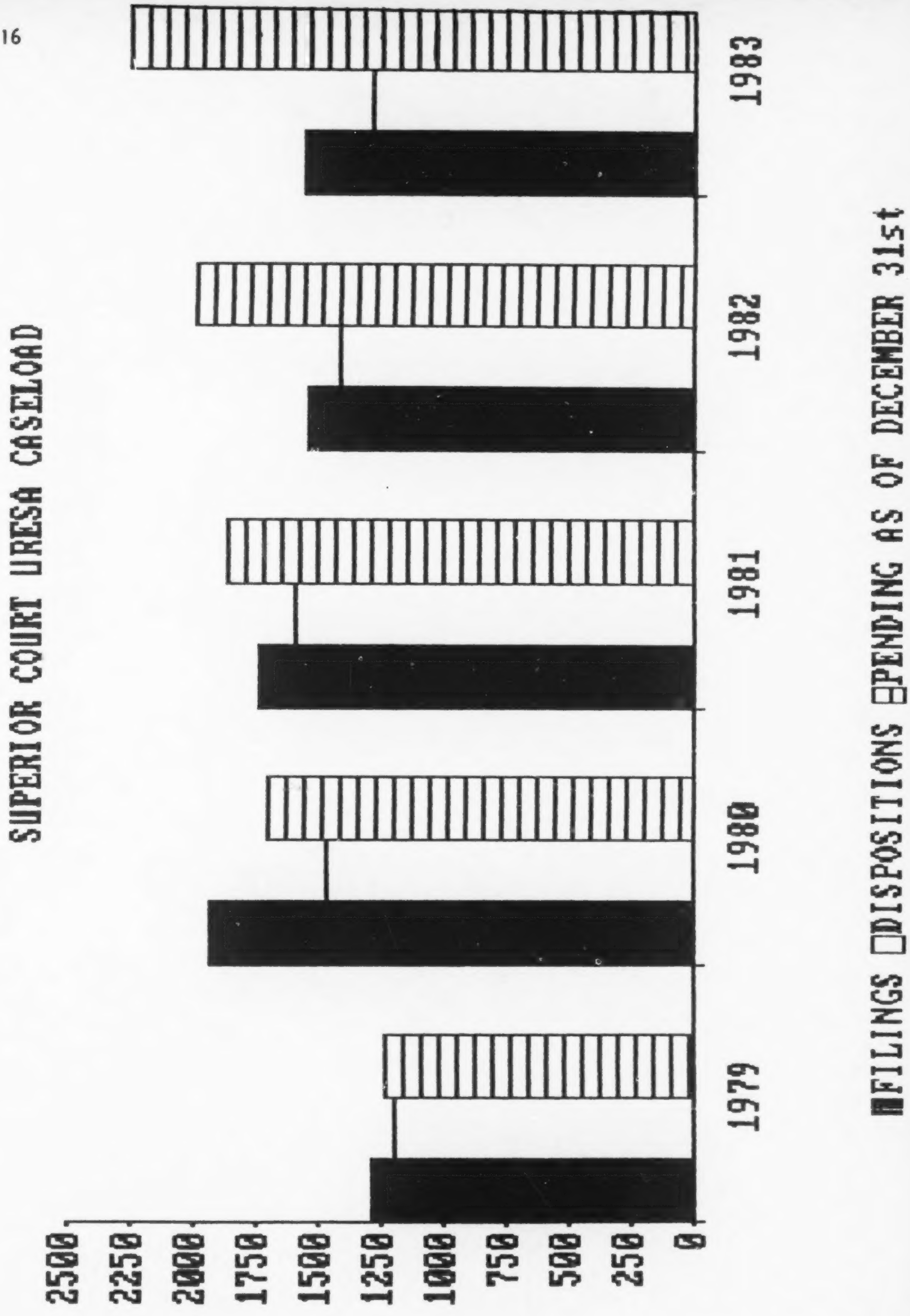
URESA CASELOAD

GRAPH SC-16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SUPERIOR COURT

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URESA FILINGS SUMMARY*

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	234	330	283	259	273	16.7	5.4
- Lincoln	28	30	30	21	26	-7.1	23.8
- Sagadahoc	44	62	55	40	56	27.3	40.0
- York	179	285	255	195	180	.6	-7.7
Sub Total	485	707	623	515	535	10.3	3.9
- Androscoggin	103	117	122	124	89	-13.6	-28.2
- Franklin	24	42	41	47	30	25.0	-36.2
- Kennebec	95	171	150	114	160	68.4	40.4
- Knox	50	51	58	48	58	16.0	20.8
- Oxford	68	98	76	76	62	-8.8	-18.4
- Somerset	58	104	68	93	82	41.4	-11.8
- Waldo	35	59	51	36	51	45.7	41.7
Sub Total	433	642	566	538	532	22.9	-1.1
- Aroostook	115	167	144	120	129	12.2	7.5
- Hancock	43	79	64	71	62	44.2	-12.7
- Penobscot	156	243	243	204	203	30.1	-.5
- Piscataquis	24	36	33	31	29	20.8	-6.5
- Washington	46	70	75	59	74	60.9	25.4
Sub Total	384	595	559	485	497	29.4	24.7
STATE TOTAL	1,302	1,944	1,748	1,538	1,564	20.1	1.7

*URESA: Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

SUPERIOR COURT

TABLE SC-18

URESA DISPOSITIONS SUMMARY *

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	178	223	211	288	179	.6	-37.8
- Lincoln	21	29	19	19	24	14.3	26.3
- Sagadahoc	29	37	48	40	35	20.7	-12.5
- York	211	220	205	178	149	-29.4	-16.3
Sub Total	439	509	483	525	387	-11.8	-26.3
- Androscoggin	88	91	96	100	96	9.1	-4.0
- Franklin	34	29	32	42	23	-32.4	-45.2
- Kennebec	75	94	258	89	102	36.0	14.6
- Knox	48	32	53	43	36	-25.0	-16.3
- Oxford	60	91	68	61	46	-23.3	-24.6
- Somerset	70	94	74	78	81	15.7	3.8
- Waldo	33	32	53	40	47	42.4	17.5
Sub Total	408	463	634	453	431	5.6	-4.9
- Aroostook	149	204	137	127	119	-20.1	-6.3
- Hancock	31	54	69	36	81	161.3	125.0
- Penobscot	124	187	151	188	177	42.7	-5.9
- Piscataquis	12	12	57	24	24	100.0	-
- Washington	50	45	64	63	79	58.0	25.4
Sub Total	366	502	478	438	480	31.1	9.6
STATE TOTAL	1,213	1,474	1,595	1,416	1,298	7.0	-8.3

*URESA: Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

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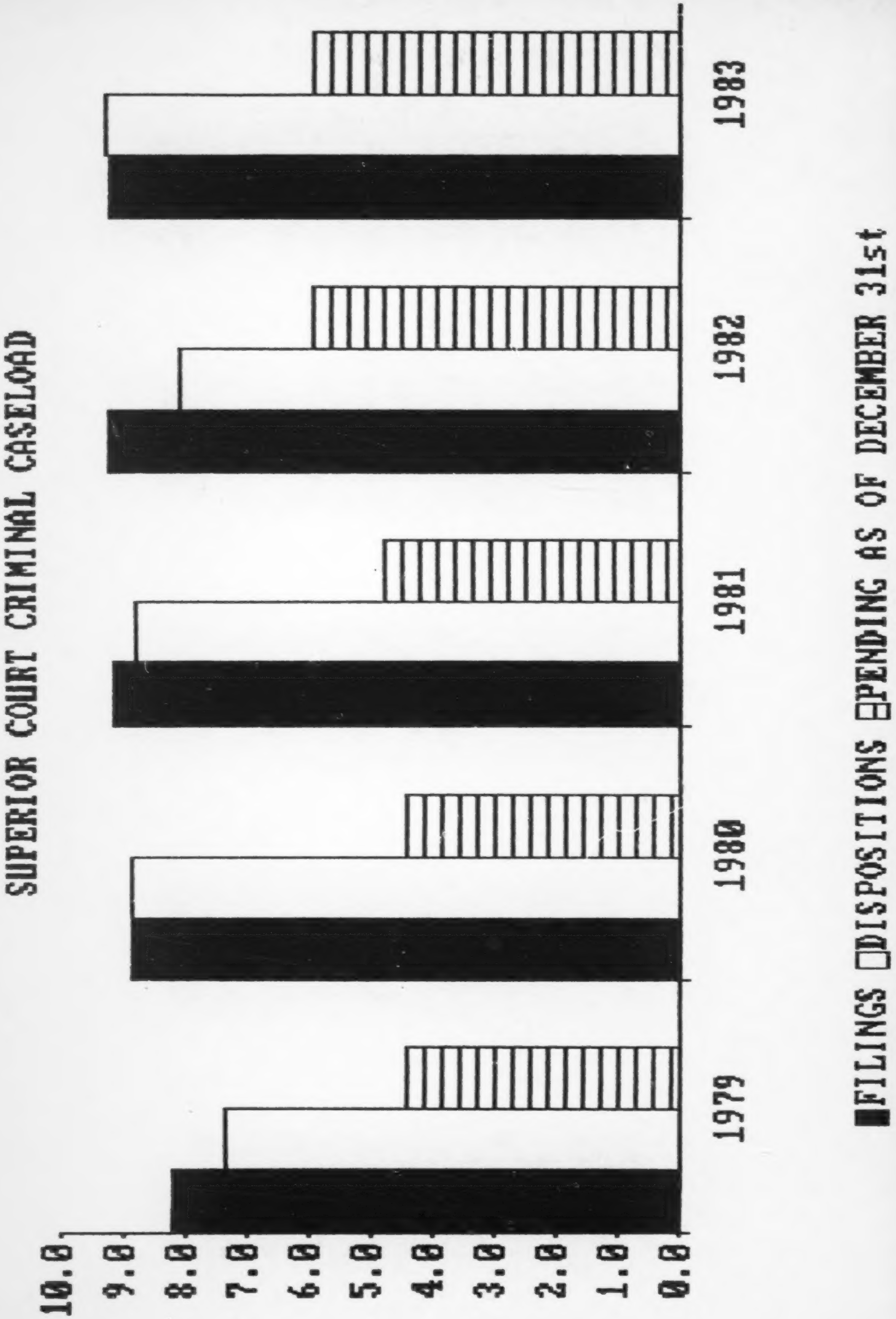
URESA PENDING CASELOAD SUMMARY*

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	259	366	438	409	503	94.2	23.0
- Lincoln	23	24	35	37	39	69.6	5.4
- Sagadahoc	41	66	73	73	94	129.3	28.8
- York	109	174	224	241	272	149.5	12.9
Sub Total	432	630	770	760	908	110.2	19.5
- Androscoggin	81	107	133	157	150	85.2	-4.5
- Franklin	14	27	36	41	48	242.9	17.1
- Kennebec	200	277	169	194	252	26.0	29.9
- Knox	33	52	57	62	84	154.5	35.5
- Oxford	55	62	70	85	101	83.6	18.8
- Somerset	38	48	42	57	58	52.6	1.8
- Waldo	16	43	41	37	41	156.3	10.8
Sub Total	437	616	548	633	734	68.0	16.0
- Aroostook	60	23	30	23	33	-45.0	43.5
- Hancock	40	65	60	95	76	90.0	-20.0
- Penobscot	221	277	369	385	411	86.0	6.8
- Piscataquis	19	43	19	26	31	63.2	19.2
- Washington	35	60	71	67	62	77.1	-7.5
Sub Total	375	468	549	596	613	63.5	2.9
STATE TOTAL	1,244	1,714	1,867	1,989	2,255	81.3	13.4

*URESA: Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL CASELOAD

GRAPH SC-20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CRIMINAL FILINGS SUMMARY*

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	1,410	1,649	1,949	1,774	1,834	30.1	3.4
- Lincoln	202	228	284	272	354	75.2	30.1
- Sagadahoc	142	304	251	254	295	107.7	16.1
- York	811	1,125	1,187	1,073	938	15.7	-12.6
Sub Total	2,565	3,306	3,671	3,373	3,421	33.6	1.4
- Androscoggin	479	553	442	689	664	38.6	-3.6
- Franklin	318	438	430	423	416	30.8	-1.7
- Kennebec	807	709	698	967	838	3.8	-13.3
- Knox	287	380	365	382	436	51.9	14.1
- Oxford	263	326	312	440	342	30.0	-22.3
- Somerset	767	976	1,017	767	815	6.3	6.3
- Waldo	189	137	219	235	268	41.8	14.0
Sub Total	3,110	3,519	3,483	3,903	3,779	21.5	-3.2
- Aroostook	769	673	784	649	585	-23.9	-9.9
- Hancock	221	200	212	244	230	4.1	-5.7
- Penobscot	1,208	850	695	758	789	-34.7	4.1
- Piscataquis	132	135	113	149	133	.8	-10.7
- Washington	255	183	232	195	319	25.1	63.6
Sub Total	2,585	2,041	2,036	1,995	2,056	-20.5	3.1
STATE TOTAL	8,260	8,866	9,190	9,271	9,256	12.1	-0.2

*Includes cases filed and refiled.
Cases counted by docket number.

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TABLE SC-22

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS SUMMARY*

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	1,314	1,721	1,657	1,583	1,910	45.4	20.7
- Lincoln	192	217	266	187	231	20.3	23.5
- Sagadahoc	130	242	267	203	191	46.9	-5.9
- York	608	1,166	1,051	961	1,031	69.6	7.3
Sub Total	2,244	3,346	3,241	2,934	3,363	49.9	14.6
- Androscoggin	429	439	481	561	684	59.4	21.9
- Franklin	286	408	423	374	440	53.8	17.6
- Kennebec	684	748	698	807	941	37.6	16.6
- Knox	284	351	385	331	385	35.6	16.3
- Oxford	225	300	300	321	321	42.7	-
- Somerset	719	1,032	972	709	860	19.6	21.3
- Waldo	115	192	205	186	214	86.1	15.1
Sub Total	2,742	3,470	3,464	3,289	3,845	40.2	16.9
- Aroostook	765	663	814	673	653	-14.6	-3.0
- Hancock	236	202	199	179	266	12.7	48.6
- Penobscot	1,048	867	739	768	737	-29.7	-4.0
- Piscataquis	123	85	141	147	113	-8.1	-23.1
- Washington	215	250	197	147	312	45.1	112.2
Sub Total	2,387	2,067	2,090	1,914	2,081	-12.8	8.7
STATE TOTAL	7,373	8,883	8,795	8,137	9,289	26.0	14.2

*Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled.
Cases counted by docket number.

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TABLE SC-23

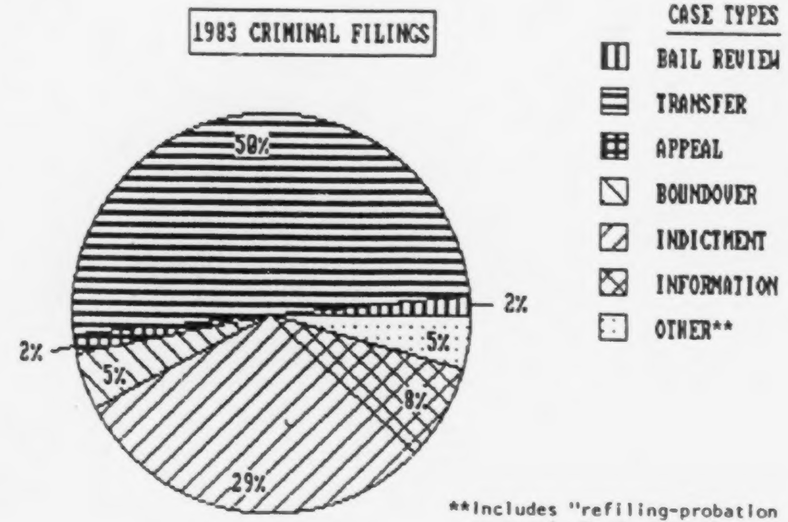
CRIMINAL PENDING CASELOAD SUMMARY*

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Cumberland	786	714	1,006	1,197	1,121	42.6	-6.3
- Lincoln	71	82	100	185	308	333.8	66.5
- Sagadahoc	61	123	107	158	262	329.5	65.8
- York	543	502	638	750	657	21.0	-12.4
Sub Total	1,461	1,421	1,851	2,290	2,348	60.7	2.5
- Androscoggin	290	404	365	493	473	63.1	-4.1
- Franklin	134	164	171	220	196	46.3	-10.9
- Kennebec	459	420	420	580	477	3.9	-17.8
- Knox	161	190	170	221	272	68.9	23.1
- Oxford	163	189	201	320	341	109.2	6.6
- Somerset	348	292	337	395	350	.6	-11.4
- Waldo	168	113	127	176	230	36.9	30.7
Sub Total	1,723	1,772	1,791	2,405	2,339	35.8	-2.7
- Aroostook	430	440	410	386	318	-26.0	-17.6
- Hancock	137	135	148	213	177	29.2	-16.9
- Penobscot	449	432	388	378	430	-4.2	13.8
- Piscataquis	72	122	94	96	116	61.1	20.8
- Washington	187	120	155	203	210	12.3	3.4
Sub Total	1,275	1,249	1,195	1,276	1,251	-1.9	-2.0
STATE TOTAL	4,459	4,442	4,837	5,971	5,938	33.2	-.6

*Includes cases filed and refiled.
Cases counted by docket number.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*
1979 - 1983

STATE TOTALS	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Bail Review	200	234	210	222	159	201	233	216	222	155
Transfer	3,596	3,976	4,054	4,654	4,643	2,976	4,121	3,889	3,801	4,741
Appeal	1,038	778	733	259	162	975	888	734	441	217
Boundover	421	428	544	461	434	371	362	470	476	472
Indictment	2,238	2,253	2,351	2,681	2,724	2,117	2,194	2,257	2,237	2,628
Information	499	804	860	641	703	489	803	861	619	704
Juvenile Appeal	43	61	29	23	8	60	44	46	34	10
Other	46	93	177	139	128	41	66	124	150	129
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	126	157	194	165	258	85	113	143	132	185
Refiling-New Trial	53	82	38	26	37	58	59	55	25	48
TOTAL	8,260	8,866	9,190	9,271	9,256	7,373	8,883	8,795	8,137	9,289



**Includes "refiling-probation revocation", "refiling-new trial" and "other".

* - Includes cases filed and refiled.
- Cases counted by docket number.
- Types of cases are defined on page 136 of this report.
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.
- Boundovers from the District Court create a difficult situation with regard to the counting of cases for statistical purposes. When a boundover is filed in the Superior Court, it remains a "boundover" type of case even if an indictment results. In 1983, there were actually an additional 200 indictment case dispositions to the 2,628 recorded above. (See Table SC-25 for detail by court location). When a boundover results in an information being filed, the boundover is dismissed and a new docket number is assigned for the information. Under such circumstances, the case is actually being counted twice but it is not believed that this creates a serious statistical problem.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE*
1979 - 1983

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
ANDROSCOGGIN Court										
Bail Review	2	8	9	9	4	2	8	9	9	4
Transfer	112	170	135	291	278	93	107	170	191	299
Appeal	33	39	27	24	8	26	28	31	39	11
Boundover	26	39	20	7	9	14	28	22	24	10
Indictment	267	225	181	287	274	258	210	183	221	276
Information	30	20	42	43	60	29	21	42	43	60
Juvenile Appeal	1	12	3	1	-	5	9	4	4	-
Other	4	9	10	9	3	1	8	9	12	3
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	4	25	10	18	26	1	15	11	14	17
Refiling-New Trial	-	6	5	-	2	-	5	-	4	4
TOTAL	479	553	442	689	664	429	439	481	561	684
AROOSTOOK Court										
Bail Review	34	19	44	32	20	35	20	44	31	19
Transfer	461	373	390	340	334	397	372	415	358	384
Appeal	38	79	77	21	20	77	69	103	28	25
Boundover	84	72	87	66	52	87	64	77	80	69
Indictment	70	80	114	138	109	136	99	99	125	113
Information	27	36	53	35	26	27	34	56	35	26
Juvenile Appeal	2	1	2	-	-	2	2	2	-	1
Other	-	-	9	3	6	1	-	3	4	4
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	3	7	4	14	17	2	3	7	10	11
Refiling-New Trial	-	6	4	-	1	1	-	8	2	1
TOTAL	769	673	784	649	585	765	663	814	673	653
CUMBERLAND Court										
Bail Review	64	94	72	53	23	66	91	75	54	20
Transfer	498	546	708	815	853	469	637	537	620	989
Appeal	170	127	121	20	22	173	184	97	63	21
Boundover	14	16	10	4	8	18	13	16	3	6
Indictment	456	571	685	648	643	401	519	617	604	622
Information	119	203	231	174	183	115	206	230	172	183
Juvenile Appeal	6	5	4	3	-	7	7	-	7	-
Other	22	29	58	43	41	20	21	43	44	37
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	51	54	59	11	61	32	40	41	16	29
Refiling-New Trial	10	4	1	3	-	13	3	1	-	3
TOTAL	1,410	1,649	1,949	1,774	1,834	1,314	1,721	1,657	1,583	1,910
FRANKLIN Court										
Bail Review	1	1	1	7	17	1	1	1	7	17
Transfer	183	249	271	297	264	154	248	249	230	302
Appeal	35	28	26	11	3	37	26	29	15	6
Boundover	16	12	18	29	31	18	13	14	28	30
Indictment	49	55	57	41	57	42	48	54	55	41
Information	22	44	54	36	39	23	44	54	36	39
Juvenile Appeal	12	2	-	1	2	11	3		1	-
Other	-	4	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	3
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refiling-New Trial	-	43	3	-	2	-	24	20	2	2
TOTAL	318	438	430	423	416	286	408	423	374	440

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CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
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1979 - 1983

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
HANCOCK Court										
Bail Review	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1
Transfer	99	73	61	124	115	99	74	68	71	134
Appeal	24	32	27	11	5	48	35	26	14	10
Boundover	13	6	12	13	3	10	11	9	10	5
Indictment	69	71	75	79	89	60	67	76	60	95
Information	11	11	18	11	14	11	11	16	12	15
Juvenile Appeal	1	2	4	-	-	2	2	1	3	-
Other	-	1	6	3	3	-	-	1	5	4
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	1	1	5	1	-	2	-	-	-	1
Refiling-New Trial	3	2	4	1	-	4	1	2	3	1
TOTAL	221	200	212	244	230	236	202	199	179	266
KENNEBEC Court										
Bail Review	14	28	25	35	28	14	28	27	35	29
Transfer	272	302	282	511	452	184	335	267	414	444
Appeal	92	58	67	23	13	69	62	69	39	29
Boundover	19	15	13	8	12	20	13	9	14	14
Indictment	337	216	196	286	214	336	232	205	212	311
Information	32	39	56	49	61	32	38	56	46	62
Juvenile Appeal	7	11	3	2	1	6	5	15	3	1
Other	5	3	8	10	14	3	2	10	5	19
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	28	36	46	41	42	19	30	38	37	31
Refiling-New Trial	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	1
TOTAL	807	709	698	967	838	684	748	698	807	941
KNOX Court										
Bail Review	5	15	6	3	5	5	15	6	3	5
Transfer	126	181	177	231	268	113	158	202	180	225
Appeal	40	53	30	15	4	59	56	32	20	10
Boundover	17	34	35	26	51	28	22	30	25	50
Indictment	81	64	69	68	79	54	72	71	64	70
Information	5	17	32	24	13	6	17	31	23	15
Juvenile Appeal	1	3	-	-	-	6	1	2	-	-
Other	1	4	7	9	11	1	2	4	8	6
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	3	8	6	5	5	2	7	4	7	3
Refiling-New Trial	8	1	3	1	-	10	1	3	1	1
TOTAL	287	380	365	382	436	284	351	385	331	385
LINCOLN Court										
Bail Review	1	-	1	2	1	1	-	1	2	1
Transfer	105	148	163	184	217	72	138	153	103	149
Appeal	37	16	39	9	4	36	20	33	18	5
Boundover	11	10	22	13	35	14	7	18	12	19
Indictment	25	37	29	48	62	46	32	31	35	27
Information	16	12	24	10	31	16	12	24	10	27
Juvenile Appeal	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Other	2	3	4	2	2	1	5	3	3	1
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	1	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	2	1
Refiling-New Trial	4	1	2	2	1	3	1	3	2	1
TOTAL	202	228	284	272	354	192	217	266	187	231

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CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
OXFORD Court										
Bail Review	9	5	5	11	7	9	5	5	11	7
Transfer	86	125	120	226	154	65	97	127	136	166
Appeal	47	37	30	17	12	39	46	25	30	4
Boundover	19	13	52	24	14	18	12	33	47	10
Indictment	85	98	69	126	119	75	101	75	63	95
Information	14	36	22	19	16	14	36	22	20	15
Juvenile Appeal	2	5	-	4	-	4	-	5	4	-
Other	-	5	7	8	7	-	1	6	9	8
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	1	-	6	4	11	-	-	1	-	14
Refiling-New Trial	-	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
TOTAL	263	326	312	440	342	225	300	300	321	321
PENOBSCOT Court										
Bail Review	36	24	10	13	6	36	24	10	12	6
Transfer	597	307	183	266	265	494	364	235	284	223
Appeal	205	128	94	17	25	189	129	110	48	29
Boundover	19	26	29	11	11	17	21	30	19	11
Indictment	310	302	305	338	372	266	276	296	322	356
Information	30	34	26	66	56	29	33	27	47	59
Juvenile Appeal	4	2	5	9	2	6	4	4	8	3
Other	2	9	29	16	11	5	6	18	17	14
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	3	17	13	16	31	3	9	9	9	26
Refiling-New Trial	2	1	1	6	10	3	1	-	2	10
TOTAL	1,208	850	695	758	789	1,048	867	739	768	737
PISCATAQUIS Court										
Bail Review	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Transfer	51	50	46	68	72	51	27	56	67	51
Appeal	29	14	13	7	1	21	9	22	10	4
Boundover	9	16	17	23	16	10	11	15	19	16
Indictment	39	48	19	39	34	38	32	35	35	32
Information	-	5	11	7	6	-	5	10	8	6
Juvenile Appeal	2	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
Other	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	1
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	-	1	5	4	1	-	-	2	5	2
Refiling-New Trial	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	2	1
TOTAL	132	135	113	149	133	123	85	141	147	113
SAGADAHOC Court										
Bail Review	-	3	2	4	1	-	3	2	4	1
Transfer	61	161	116	166	196	43	118	118	136	113
Appeal	30	41	40	8	8	30	40	44	13	7
Boundover	15	24	26	36	25	7	11	35	18	26
Indictment	24	49	37	32	48	39	42	40	23	28
Information	8	23	24	7	14	6	25	24	7	14
Juvenile Appeal	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
Other	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	-	2	1
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Refiling-New Trial	-	2	1	-	2	-	1	2	-	1
TOTAL	142	304	251	254	295	130	242	267	203	191

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CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
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	FILINGS 1979	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1979	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983
SOMERSET Court										
Bail Review	20	26	23	43	38	18	27	24	44	37
Transfer	517	650	746	513	485	446	725	697	473	541
Appeal	16	18	15	12	7	26	17	12	17	7
Boundover	23	16	32	35	40	21	22	25	27	44
Indictment	96	132	87	96	137	117	113	103	81	131
Information	75	115	80	41	70	74	114	81	41	69
Juvenile Appeal	-	5	4	2	1	2	5	2	2	3
Other	5	9	10	7	3	4	3	11	12	3
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	8	4	15	18	28	4	3	11	12	20
Refiling-New Trial	7	1	5	-	6	7	3	6	-	5
TOTAL	767	976	1,017	767	815	719	1,032	972	709	860
WALDO Court										
Bail Review	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Transfer	56	35	73	144	131	42	49	70	87	108
Appeal	22	5	8	12	7	16	8	11	9	5
Boundover	18	13	30	26	11	7	22	20	25	16
Indictment	78	50	78	40	97	38	87	67	52	61
Information	5	18	19	5	11	5	17	20	5	11
Juvenile Appeal	1	8	-	-	2	1	-	8	-	2
Other	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	2	3
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	8	-	9	6	4	5	3	8	5	4
Refiling-New Trial	1	6	-	1	4	1	5	1	1	4
TOTAL	189	137	219	235	268	115	192	205	186	214
WASHINGTON Court										
Bail Review	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Transfer	75	52	49	49	130	68	87	45	34	119
Appeal	51	24	27	10	7	54	36	29	11	13
Boundover	30	15	23	16	18	24	21	15	11	20
Indictment	77	67	101	91	126	48	82	78	68	117
Information	19	15	16	12	28	19	15	14	13	28
Juvenile Appeal	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
Other	-	1	7	8	8	-	1	6	6	7
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	5	1	-
Refiling-New Trial	-	6	4	8	1	-	5	4	3	8
TOTAL	255	183	232	195	319	215	250	197	147	312
YORK Court										
Bail Review	12	9	12	9	8	12	9	12	9	8
Transfer	297	554	534	429	429	186	585	480	417	494
Appeal	119	79	92	42	16	75	123	61	67	31
Boundover	88	101	118	124	98	58	71	102	114	126
Indictment	175	188	249	324	264	163	182	227	217	253
Information	86	176	152	102	75	83	175	154	101	75
Juvenile Appeal	4	1	1	1	-	4	1	-	2	-
Other	3	14	16	18	14	4	14	8	20	15
Refiling-Probation Revoc.	11	3	12	24	30	9	2	6	14	26
Refiling-New Trial	16	-	1	-	4	14	4	1	-	3
TOTAL	811	1,125	1,187	1,073	938	608	1,166	1,051	961	1,031

* - Includes cases filed and refiled.
- Cases counted by docket number.
- Types of cases are defined on page 136 of this report.

TABLE SC-25

SUPERIOR COURT

CASES IN WHICH INDICTMENTS WERE FILED AFTER BEING STATISTICALLY RECORDED AS BOUNDOVERS FROM DISTRICT COURT*

	1982	1983
Cumberland	1	-
Lincoln	8	3
Sagadahoc	7	7
York	15	21
Sub Total	31	31
Androscoggin	7	7
Franklin	11	15
Kennebec	2	4
Knox	16	30
Oxford	9	3
Somerset	13	18
Waldo	16	12
Sub Total	74	89
Aroostook	48	45
Hancock	1	2
Penobscot	14	4
Piscataquis	12	14
Washington	10	15
Sub Total	85	80
STATE TOTAL	190	200

*-Counted by docket number.

-Counted at the time of case disposition.

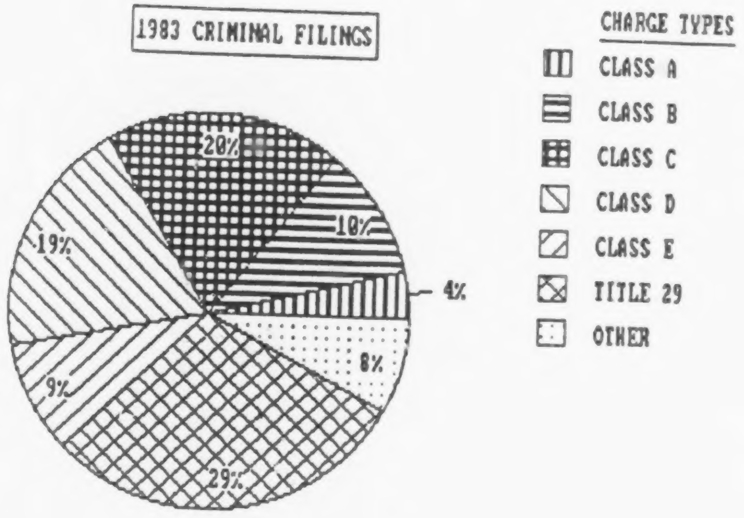
-Boundovers from the District Court create a difficult situation with regard to the counting of cases for statistical purposes. When a boundover is filed in the Superior Court, it remains a "boundover" type of case even if an indictment results. In 1983, there were actually an additional 200 indictment case dispositions to the 2,628 on Table SC-24. When a boundover results in an information being filed, the boundover is dismissed and a new docket number is assigned for the information. Under such circumstances, the case is actually being counted twice but it is not believed that this creates a serious statistical problem.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE *
1979 - 1983

TABLE SC-26

STATE TOTALS

Class of Charge	FILINGS 1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	DISPOSITIONS 1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
A	301	329	427	419	394	245	312	329	404	405
B	1,009	962	1,053	1,125	945	883	909	1,028	964	1,026
C	1,444	1,641	1,797	1,880	1,904	1.387	1,419	1,730	1,615	1,847
D	1,495	1,332	1,272	2,012	1,815	1.287	1,493	1,269	1,524	1,899
E	783	752	728	890	864	760	799	725	764	861
Title 29	2,892	3.458	3.473	2,512	2,773	2,428	3,518	3,320	2,411	2.740
Other	666	731	801	760	790	617	721	768	695	749
TOTAL	8.590	9.205	9.551	9.598	9.485	7.607	9.171	9.169	8.377	9.527



*-Includes cases filed and refiled.

-Cases counted by defendant.

-Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE *
1979 - 1983

TABLE SC-26
(cont.)

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
ANDROSCOGGIN										
Court										
A	33	30	51	47	33	24	29	30	45	52
B	116	101	78	91	85	99	82	72	89	97
C	154	159	129	204	214	146	129	143	157	200
D	74	76	46	137	80	71	72	65	91	96
E	38	50	36	52	56	31	34	48	57	55
Title 29	93	125	116	163	184	74	78	135	115	190
Other	18	57	32	41	37	15	44	33	42	28
TOTAL	526	598	488	735	689	460	468	526	596	718
AROOSTOOK										
Court										
A	25	25	27	28	15	29	20	24	30	21
B	49	39	48	44	41	61	50	52	41	39
C	104	103	115	130	75	146	94	107	127	112
D	122	137	161	158	139	132	113	187	143	150
E	113	57	64	55	68	101	98	78	60	66
Title 29	313	262	289	172	175	257	244	275	211	208
Other	66	50	80	62	72	54	49	91	62	57
TOTAL	792	673	784	649	585	780	668	814	674	653
CUMBERLAND										
Court										
A	61	66	105	101	88	52	70	71	112	84
B	181	219	273	234	174	174	197	244	225	205
C	307	402	434	363	373	285	332	429	354	351
D	163	194	273	444	355	154	248	199	327	408
E	96	130	149	165	165	108	137	118	155	169
Title 29	492	538	622	406	610	456	617	538	354	656
Other	170	197	204	125	128	155	190	171	127	99
TOTAL	1,470	1,746	2,060	1,838	1,893	1,385	1,791	1,770	1,654	1,972
FRANKLIN										
Court										
A	2	11	8	14	12	2	3	12	9	15
B	18	20	29	38	31	20	13	23	41	24
C	43	32	48	36	70	44	30	41	40	53
D	53	58	57	85	104	43	60	60	55	106
E	30	51	38	49	39	30	44	42	38	49
Title 29	161	243	247	185	140	141	243	223	184	159
Other	16	26	12	32	34	11	19	26	17	45
TOTAL	323	441	439	439	430	291	412	427	384	451

*-Includes cases filed and refiled.

-Cases counted by defendant.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE *
1979 - 1983

TABLE SC-26
(cont.)

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
HANCOCK										
Court										
A	10	24	14	11	5	11	4	23	7	10
B	30	41	36	25	33	39	33	43	25	32
C	40	44	57	60	67	36	40	52	53	62
D	44	16	33	50	70	27	35	25	30	67
E	7	9	10	24	11	36	9	10	16	16
Title 29	78	74	60	74	44	78	72	63	48	76
Other	27	22	19	11	14	21	23	16	8	16
TOTAL	236	230	229	255	244	248	216	232	187	279
KENNEBEC										
Court										
A	31	29	37	53	53	31	31	24	38	63
B	119	69	61	106	99	112	70	72	79	129
C	140	148	125	160	124	122	131	147	131	164
D	201	154	112	181	164	151	186	132	142	178
E	55	56	46	73	65	60	54	45	63	66
Title 29	211	205	249	299	238	161	212	222	283	239
Other	85	99	102	113	103	61	98	113	88	119
TOTAL	842	760	732	985	846	698	782	755	824	958
KNOX										
Court										
A	18	11	14	5	11	11	16	11	7	12
B	31	28	24	26	28	24	31	23	28	33
C	38	61	58	65	50	48	43	57	52	57
D	72	63	46	58	75	60	48	65	54	61
E	25	25	23	28	41	27	29	18	23	41
Title 29	91	166	169	168	189	95	163	182	132	148
Other	15	30	38	35	42	21	25	33	37	35
TOTAL	290	384	372	385	436	286	355	389	333	387
LINCOLN										
Court										
A	2	3	9	5	11	-	3	7	6	2
B	16	17	24	24	40	15	12	28	20	18
C	24	24	26	35	66	34	24	21	25	44
D	17	25	35	104	133	21	17	27	49	99
E	16	8	16	35	42	24	13	16	17	32
Title 29	114	146	171	64	60	81	142	165	65	33
Other	13	5	3	11	9	17	6	2	9	5
TOTAL	202	228	284	278	361	192	217	266	191	233

*-Includes cases filed and refiled.

-Cases counted by defendant.

TABLE SC-26
(cont.)

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE *
1979 - 1983

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
OXFORD Court										
A	13	16	13	21	20	7	22	8	18	10
B	36	52	53	78	49	36	39	54	52	52
C	61	49	69	84	90	50	57	57	60	65
D	29	34	26	104	56	40	23	29	56	71
E	8	27	31	70	48	18	15	36	29	57
Title 29	104	138	111	89	70	58	136	112	103	49
Other	16	16	15	19	37	18	14	11	15	31
TOTAL	267	332	318	465	370	227	306	307	333	335
PENOBSCOT Court										
A	35	43	27	39	43	33	37	29	39	37
B	117	82	82	86	54	93	85	90	83	67
C	161	215	253	223	284	153	173	221	230	259
D	251	125	75	157	129	209	141	94	148	122
E	171	89	66	94	75	144	95	80	100	53
Title 29	423	262	156	105	143	376	278	196	125	136
Other	81	45	51	58	64	70	68	42	55	64
TOTAL	1,239	861	710	762	792	1,078	877	752	780	738
PISCATAQUIS Court										
A	9	6	4	3	7	3	5	3	7	5
B	12	22	13	15	14	22	12	13	12	15
C	18	33	23	41	25	15	17	32	36	26
D	24	18	11	38	42	18	22	12	41	22
E	11	13	14	16	6	15	4	21	16	11
Title 29	43	34	35	16	24	40	16	43	24	15
Other	16	9	13	20	16	10	9	17	12	19
TOTAL	133	135	113	149	134	123	85	141	148	113
SAGADAHOC Court										
A	5	3	8	7	5	6	3	10	3	5
B	17	26	35	30	25	17	16	37	24	22
C	18	51	30	41	31	19	39	35	23	30
D	26	41	31	38	57	22	35	33	36	35
E	14	20	15	23	28	16	16	17	14	23
Title 29	53	166	130	111	138	43	133	128	101	70
Other	11	9	9	14	16	8	9	12	9	12
TOTAL	144	316	258	264	300	131	251	272	210	197

*-Includes cases filed and refiled.
-Cases counted by defendant.

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE *
1979 - 1983

TABLE SC-26
(cont.)

SOMERSET Court	FILINGS 1979	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1979	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983
A	9	21	20	14	32	9	14	22	12	30
B	54	49	52	41	49	42	55	59	36	47
C	82	86	62	63	98	82	78	69	56	95
D	181	162	130	133	137	164	208	118	111	154
E	60	91	108	84	74	46	102	94	74	87
Title 29	342	482	546	318	319	311	518	510	300	346
Other	57	103	99	116	108	70	81	102	121	102
TOTAL	785	994	1,017	769	817	724	1,056	974	710	861

WALDO Court	FILINGS 1979	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1979	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983
A	7	6	12	7	15	-	8	5	15	10
B	27	19	40	19	19	13	35	30	28	18
C	49	38	47	40	61	29	51	48	32	41
D	34	18	29	63	36	12	37	33	33	47
E	17	8	17	20	60	9	11	13	16	36
Title 29	45	42	51	69	67	33	44	58	45	49
Other	18	9	23	18	10	20	13	20	17	14
TOTAL	197	140	219	236	268	116	199	207	186	215

WASHINGTON Court	FILINGS 1979	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1979	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983
A	20	17	15	15	18	13	26	9	13	13
B	57	39	53	31	37	29	64	36	35	38
C	76	47	86	65	93	67	48	76	52	87
D	47	32	27	26	59	42	44	29	21	56
E	32	17	10	15	16	38	17	14	8	20
Title 29	55	46	42	30	76	38	74	36	24	72
Other	13	10	33	24	30	23	20	23	18	36
TOTAL	300	208	266	206	329	250	293	223	171	322

YORK Court	FILINGS 1979	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1979	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983
A	21	18	63	49	26	14	21	41	43	36
B	129	139	152	237	167	87	115	152	146	190
C	129	149	235	270	183	110	133	195	187	201
D	157	179	180	236	179	121	204	161	187	227
E	90	101	85	87	70	57	121	75	78	80
Title 29	274	529	479	243	296	186	548	434	297	294
Other	44	44	68	61	70	43	53	56	58	67
TOTAL	844	1,159	1,262	1,183	991	618	1,195	1,114	996	1,095

*-Includes cases filed and refiled.

-Cases counted by defendant.

TABLE SC-27

SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL FILINGS*
BY TYPE OF RECORDING METHOD
1983

	COUNTED BY DOCKET NUMBER	COUNTED BY DEFENDANT	% INCREASE IN FILINGS WHEN COUNTED BY DEFENDANT
- Cumberland	1,834	1,893	3.2
- Lincoln	354	361	2.0
- Sagadahoc	295	300	1.7
- York	938	991	5.7
Sub Total	3,421	3,545	3.6
- Androscoggin	664	689	3.8
- Franklin	416	430	3.4
- Kennebec	838	846	1.0
- Knox	436	436	-
- Oxford	342	370	8.2
- Somerset	815	817	.2
- Waldo	268	268	-
Sub Total	3,779	3,856	2.0
- Aroostook	585	585	-
- Hancock	230	244	6.1
- Penobscot	789	792	.4
- Piscataquis	133	134	.8
- Washington	319	329	3.1
Sub Total	2,056	2,084	1.4
STATE TOTAL	9,256	9,485	2.5

*Includes cases filed and refiled.

SUPERIOR COURT

TABLE SC-28

CRIMINAL PENDING CASELOAD

AND

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS OF ARREST

1981 - 1983

	NUMBER OF PENDING CASES*			NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING WARRANTS*			PERCENT OF PENDING CASES FOR WHICH COURT MAY NOT BE RESPONSIBLE		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
Cumberland	1,073	1,257	1,178	289	347	420	26.9	27.6	35.7
Lincoln	100	187	315	20	26	28	20.0	13.9	8.9
Sagadahoc	113	167	270	14	14	28	12.4	8.4	10.4
York	678	865	761	204	232	184	30.1	26.8	24.2
Sub Total	1,964	2,476	2,524	527	619	660	26.8	25.0	26.1
Androscoggin	414	553	524	129	142	139	31.2	25.7	26.5
Franklin	180	235	214	23	12	35	12.8	5.1	16.4
Kennebec	437	598	486	130	135	85	29.7	22.6	17.5
Knox	175	227	276	65	73	79	37.1	32.2	28.6
Oxford	204	336	371	63	92	100	30.9	27.4	27.0
Somerset	342	401	357	155	165	198	45.3	41.1	55.5
Waldo	128	178	231	54	56	68	42.4	31.5	29.4
Sub Total	1,880	2,528	2,459	619	675	704	32.9	26.7	28.6
Aroostook	414	389	321	93	102	102	22.5	26.2	31.8
Hancock	161	229	194	48	61	58	29.8	26.6	29.9
Penobscot	399	381	435	119	132	106	29.8	34.6	24.4
Piscataquis	95	96	117	13	19	17	13.7	19.8	14.5
Washington	186	221	228	62	72	90	33.3	32.6	39.5
Sub Total	1,255	1,316	1,295	335	386	373	26.7	29.3	28.8
STATE TOTAL	5,099	6,320	6,278	1,481	1,680	1,737	29.0	26.6	27.7

*-Number of Pending Cases - counted by defendant, as of December 31, 1983.

-Number of Outstanding Warrants - Includes warrants for disposed cases for which there are outstanding fines, as of December 15, 1983.

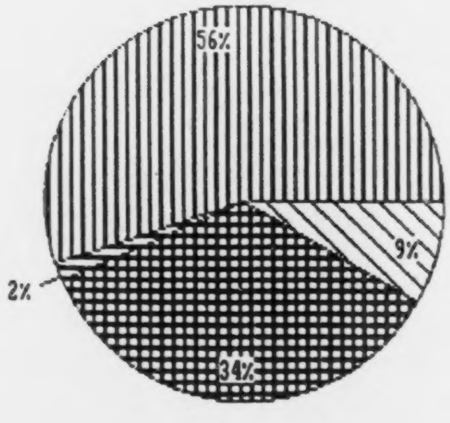
TABLE SC-29

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS
BY TYPE OF CASE *
1983

Type of Case	Convicted #	Convicted %	Acquitted #	Acquitted %	Dismissed #	Dismissed %	Other #	Other %	Total #	Total %
Bail Review	-		-		-		155	100.0	155	100.0
Transfer	2,343	49.4	92	1.9	2,088	44.0	219	4.6	4,742	100.0
Appeal	46	21.0	2	.9	34	15.5	137	62.6	219	100.0
Boundover	172	36.4	3	.6	272	57.5	26	5.5	473	100.0
Indictment	2,024	71.0	63	2.2	727	25.5	38	1.3	2,852	100.0
Information	680	96.5	1	.1	22	3.1	2	.3	705	100.0
Juvenile Appeal	-		-		1	10.0	9	90.0	10	100.0
Other	4	3.1	-		33	25.4	93	71.5	130	100.0
Refiling-Probation Revocation	-		-		14	7.5	172	92.5	186	100.0
Refiling-New Trial	25	50.0	1	2.0	21	42.0	3	6.0	50	100.0
TOTAL	5,294	55.6	162	1.7	3,212	33.7	854	9.0	9,522	100.0

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS
BY CLASS OF CHARGE*
1983

Class of Charge	Convicted #	Convicted %	Acquitted #	Acquitted %	Dismissed #	Dismissed %	Other #	Other %	Total #	Total %
A	232	57.4	21	5.2	138	34.2	13	3.2	404	100.0
B	682	66.5	13	1.3	304	29.7	26	2.5	1,025	100.0
C	1,316	71.3	27	1.5	470	25.5	32	1.7	1,845	100.0
D	964	50.8	39	2.1	781	41.1	114	6.0	1,898	100.0
E	440	51.1	17	2.0	336	39.0	68	7.9	861	100.0
Title 29	1,518	55.4	39	1.4	1,028	37.5	155	5.7	2,740	100.0
Other	142	19.0	6	.8	155	20.7	446	59.5	749	100.0
TOTAL	5,294	55.6	162	1.7	3,212	33.7	854	9.0	9,522	100.0



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*-Includes cases filed and refiled
-Cases counted by defendant.
-Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.
-See footnote to Table SC-24 on page 107 for caveat concerning boundover case statistics.

SUPERIOR COURT TABLE SC-30

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
STATE TOTAL				
- District Court Bail Revised	130	1.6	119	1.2
- District Court Bail Affirmed	81	1.0	39	.4
- Dismissed by Court	118	1.4	222	2.3
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	2,628	31.4	2,990	31.4
- Filed Case	113	1.3	134	1.4
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	27	.3	5	
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity	5	.1	3	
- Probation Revoked	93	1.1	112	1.2
- Convicted - Plea	4,182	50.0	4,909	51.6
- Convicted - Jury Trial	306	3.7	266	2.8
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	100	1.2	119	1.2
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	142	1.7	119	1.2
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	48	.6	40	.4
- Mistrial	14	.2	22	.2
- Other	384	4.6	423	4.4
STATE TOTAL	8,371	100.0	9,522	100.0

*Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled.
Cases counted by defendant.
Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.
Types of dispositions are defined on page 136 of this report.

SUPERIOR COURT

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

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(cont.)

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
ANDROSCOGGIN				
- District Court Bail Revised	6	1.0	2	.3
- District Court Bail Affirmed	3	.5	1	.1
- Dismissed by Court	13	2.2	10	1.4
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	197	33.1	202	28.1
- Filed Case	8	1.3	10	1.4
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	7	1.2		
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity	1	.2		
- Probation Revoked	10	1.7	9	1.3
- Convicted - Plea	279	46.8	416	57.9
- Convicted - Jury Trial	16	2.7	26	3.6
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	6	1.0	8	1.1
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	14	2.3	7	1.0
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	3	.5	3	.4
- Mistrial			1	.1
- Other	33	5.5	23	3.2
TOTAL	596	100.0	718	100.0
AROOSTOOK				
- District Court Bail Revised	16	2.4	10	1.5
- District Court Bail Affirmed	8	1.2	5	.8
- Dismissed by Court	7	1.0	10	1.5
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	256	38.0	204	31.2
- Filed Case	18	2.7	19	2.9
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions				
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked	4	.6	5	.8
- Convicted - Plea	298	44.2	323	49.5
- Convicted - Jury Trial	21	3.1	19	2.9
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	8	1.2	7	1.1
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	12	1.8	9	1.4
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	3	.4		
- Mistrial	1	.1	1	.2
- Other	22	3.3	41	6.3
TOTAL	674	100.0	653	100.0

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CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
CUMBERLAND				
- District Court Bail Revised	25	1.5	26	1.3
- District Court Bail Affirmed	35	2.1	7	.4
- Dismissed by Court	12	.7	6	.3
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	607	36.7	780	39.6
- Filed Case	1	.1	2	.1
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	3	.2		
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked	13	.8	23	1.2
- Convicted - Plea	837	50.6	998	50.6
- Convicted - Jury Trial	27	1.6	31	1.6
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	9	.5	15	.8
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	14	.8	18	.9
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	5	.3	3	.2
- Mistrial			1	.1
- Other	66	4.0	62	3.1
TOTAL	1,654	100.0	1,972	100.0
FRANKLIN				
- District Court Bail Revised	6	1.6	17	3.8
- District Court Bail Affirmed	1	.3		
- Dismissed by Court	7	1.8	10	2.2
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	121	31.5	144	31.9
- Filed Case	21	5.5	30	6.7
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions				
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked				
- Convicted - Plea	172	44.8	212	47.0
- Convicted - Jury Trial	18	4.7	7	1.6
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	3	.8	3	.7
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	7	1.8	4	.9
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	4	1.0	5	1.1
- Mistrial			2	.4
- Other	24	6.3	17	3.8
TOTAL	384	100.0	451	100.0

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CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
HANCOCK				
- District Court Bail Revised	1	.5		
- District Court Bail Affirmed				
- Dismissed by Court	1	.5	4	1.4
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	46	24.6	82	29.4
- Filed Case			5	1.8
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	2	1.1		
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked			1	.4
- Convicted - Plea	103	55.1	154	55.2
- Convicted - Jury Trial	11	5.9	9	3.2
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	2	1.1	4	1.4
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	8	4.3	7	2.5
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial			2	.7
- Mistrial	1	.5		
- Other	12	6.4	10	3.6
TOTAL	187	100.0	279	100.0
KENNEBEC				
- District Court Bail Revised	22	2.7	19	2.0
- District Court Bail Affirmed	13	1.6	14	1.5
- Dismissed by Court	5	.6	99	10.3
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	205	24.9	153	16.0
- Filed Case	29	3.5	26	2.7
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	3	.4	1	.1
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity	1	.1	1	.1
- Probation Revoked	27	3.3	22	2.3
- Convicted - Plea	423	51.3	502	52.4
- Convicted - Jury Trial	25	3.0	30	3.1
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	7	.8	11	1.1
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	21	2.5	16	1.7
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	3	.4	4	.4
- Mistrial	2	.2	2	.2
- Other	38	4.6	58	6.1
TOTAL	824	100.0	958	100.0

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CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
KNOX				
- District Court Bail Revised			4	1.0
- District Court Bail Affirmed	3	.9	1	.3
- Dismissed by Court	8	2.4	26	6.7
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	72	21.6	75	19.4
- Filed Case			1	.3
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions				
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked	7	2.1	1	.3
- Convicted - Plea	205	61.6	243	62.8
- Convicted - Jury Trial	7	2.1	10	2.6
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	4	1.2	7	1.8
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	3	.9	3	.8
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	2	.6	2	.5
- Mistrial	1	.3		
- Other	21	6.3	14	3.6
TOTAL	333	100.0	387	100.0
LINCOLN				
- District Court Bail Revised	1	.5		
- District Court Bail Affirmed			1	.4
- Dismissed by Court	2	1.0		
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	35	18.3	54	23.2
- Filed Case				
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions				
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked	2	1.0	1	.4
- Convicted - Plea	130	68.1	159	68.2
- Convicted - Jury Trial	6	3.1	4	1.7
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	2	1.0	1	.4
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	2	1.0	2	.9
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	1	.5		
- Mistrial	2	1.0		
- Other	8	4.2	11	4.7
TOTAL	191	100.0	233	100.0

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CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
OXFORD				
- District Court Bail Revised	9	2.7	4	1.2
- District Court Bail Affirmed	2	.6	1	.3
- Dismissed by Court	12	3.6	19	5.7
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	93	28.0	76	22.7
- Filed Case			7	2.1
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	4	1.2		
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked			10	3.0
- Convicted - Plea	140	42.2	166	49.6
- Convicted - Jury Trial	33	9.9	20	6.0
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	8	2.4	11	3.3
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	7	2.1	10	3.0
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	4	1.2	2	.6
- Mistrial	1	.3		
- Other	19	5.7	9	2.7
TOTAL	332	100.0	335	100.0
PENOBSCOT				
- District Court Bail Revised	7	.9	2	.3
- District Court Bail Affirmed	3	.4	3	.4
- Dismissed by Court	13	1.7	14	1.9
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	190	24.3	213	28.9
- Filed Case			1	.1
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	5	.6	1	.1
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity	3	.4		
- Probation Revoked	8	1.0	14	1.9
- Convicted - Plea	421	53.8	359	48.6
- Convicted - Jury Trial	54	6.9	46	6.2
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	18	2.3	11	1.5
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	21	2.7	10	1.4
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	2	.3	3	.4
- Mistrial	2	.3	2	.3
- Other	35	4.5	59	8.0
TOTAL	782	100.0	738	100.0

*Includes the disposition of cases filed and refiled.
Cases counted by defendant.
Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.
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CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
PISCATAQUIS				
- District Court Bail Revised				
- District Court Bail Affirmed				
- Dismissed by Court				
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	61	41.2	59	52.7
- Filed Case	8	5.4		
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions				
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked	4	2.7		
- Convicted - Plea	59	39.9	41	36.6
- Convicted - Jury Trial	2	1.4	1	.9
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial			6	5.4
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	2	1.4	1	.9
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial				
- Mistrial	1	.7		
- Other	11	7.4	4	3.6
TOTAL	148	100.0	112	100.0
SAGADAHOC				
- District Court Bail Revised	1	.5	1	.5
- District Court Bail Affirmed	2	.9		
- Dismissed by Court	10	4.7		
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	65	30.8	70	35.5
- Filed Case				
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions				
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked				
- Convicted - Plea	112	53.1	98	49.7
- Convicted - Jury Trial	6	2.8	7	3.6
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	5	2.4	5	2.5
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	5	2.4	2	1.0
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	1	.5	5	2.5
- Mistrial			4	2.0
- Other	4	1.9	5	2.5
TOTAL	211	100.0	197	100.0

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CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
SOMERSET				
- District Court Bail Revised	33	4.6	30	3.5
- District Court Bail Affirmed	5	.7	2	.2
- Dismissed by Court	12	1.7	1	.1
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	138	19.4	190	22.1
- Filed Case	26	3.7	29	3.4
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	1	.1		
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked	10	1.4	15	1.7
- Convicted - Plea	399	56.2	515	59.8
- Convicted - Jury Trial	16	2.3	12	1.4
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	13	1.8	16	1.9
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	8	1.1	7	.8
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	12	1.7	8	.9
- Mistrial			6	.7
- Other	37	5.2	30	3.5
TOTAL	710	100.0	861	100.0
WALDO				
- District Court Bail Revised				
- District Court Bail Affirmed				
- Dismissed by Court	4	2.2	5	2.3
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	45	24.2	62	29.0
- Filed Case				
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions			2	.9
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity			1	.5
- Probation Revoked			1	.5
- Convicted - Plea	100	53.8	101	47.2
- Convicted - Jury Trial	10	5.4	17	7.9
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	4	2.2	6	2.8
- Acquitted - Jury Trial			4	1.9
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial			2	.9
- Mistrial	1	.5	2	.9
- Other	22	11.8	11	5.1
TOTAL	186	100.0	214	100.0

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Cases counted by defendant.
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CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION*

TABLE SC-30
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TYPE OF DISPOSITION	1982 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DIS-POSITIONS	1983 # DISPOSED	PERCENT OF DIS-POSITIONS
WASHINGTON				
- District Court Bail Revised				
- District Court Bail Affirmed				
- Dismissed by Court	6	3.5	5	1.6
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	38	22.2	101	31.4
- Filed Case	1	.6	3	.9
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions				
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity				
- Probation Revoked				
- Convicted - Plea	83	48.5	175	54.3
- Convicted - Jury Trial	19	11.1	8	2.5
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	6	3.5	1	.3
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	6	3.5	11	3.4
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	4	2.3		
- Mistrial	2	1.2	1	.3
- Other	6	3.5	17	5.3
TOTAL	171	100.0	322	100.0
YORK				
- District Court Bail Revised	3	.3	4	.4
- District Court Bail Affirmed	6	.6	4	.4
- Dismissed by Court	6	.6	13	1.2
- Dismissed by D.A. - Rule 48(a)	459	46.5	525	48.1
- Filed Case	1	.1	1	.1
- Juvenile Appeal Dispositions	2	.2		
- Not Guilty, Reason of Insanity			1	.1
- Probation Revoked	8	.8	10	.9
- Convicted - Plea	421	42.6	447	40.9
- Convicted - Jury Trial	35	3.5	19	1.7
- Convicted - Jury Waived Trial	5	.5	7	.6
- Acquitted - Jury Trial	12	1.2	8	.7
- Acquitted - Jury Waived Trial	4	.4	1	.1
- Mistrial				
- Other	26	2.6	52	4.8
TOTAL	988	100.0	1,092	100.0

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Cases counted by defendant.
Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.
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TABLE SC-31

CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS *

	1979		1980		1981		1982		1983	
	No. of Trials	No. of Days	No. of Trials	No. of Days	No. of Trials	No. of Days	No. of Trials	No. of Days	No. of Trials	No. of Days
REGION I:										
- Cumberland	74	126.0	47	102.5	52	126.5	46	98.0	52	117.5
- Lincoln	18	21.5	13	24.5	17	44.0	10	12.0	7	11.0
- Sagadahoc	14	13.0	20	21.0	12	18.0	10	15.0	7	16.0
- York	41	59.5	40	68.5	40	60.0	41	78.5	28	59.0
Sub Total	147	220.0	120	216.5	121	248.5	107	203.5	94	203.5
REGION II:										
- Androscoggin	28	43.5	55	67.5	36	57.5	34	61.5	34	64.5
- Franklin	27	33.5	20	25.5	21	32.0	22	30.5	15	22.0
- Kennebec	33	42.0	55	87.0	54	54.5	48	73.0	47	66.0
- Knox	23	41.5	15	24.0	13	33.0	11	27.0	12	14.5
- Oxford	19	35.5	19	22.0	21	23.0	24	30.0	28	36.5
- Somerset	40	72.5	39	49.0	35	54.5	20	34.5	22	30.5
- Waldo	17	25.0	18	24.5	12	16.0	10	24.5	19	23.5
Sub Total	187	293.5	221	299.5	192	270.5	169	281.0	177	257.5
REGION III:										
- Aroostook	23	28.5	24	32.0	32	36.0	32	44.0	31	40.0
- Hancock	21	30.5	18	30.0	16	20.0	20	32.0	15	18.0
- Penobscot	51	55.5	57	87.0	66	101.0	79	124.0	59	88.0
- Piscataquis	3	2.0	6	9.0	3	5.0	5	8.5	2	2.0
- Washington	13	20.0	25	28.5	26	41.0	30	43.0	27	26.0
Sub Total	111	136.5	130	186.5	143	203.0	166	251.5	134	174.0
STATE TOTAL	445	650.0	471	702.5	456	722.0	442	736.0	405	635.0

*- Includes cases filed and refiled.

- Trials counted by defendant.
- There are some discrepancies in calculating the number of jury trial days which may affect the accuracy of these figures. The problem occurs when cases scheduled for trial undergo multiple voir dire (the justice conducts voir dire for several cases on one day, instead of limiting it to the one case facing imminent trial). Since the court clerks are instructed to calculate trial days by rounding to the nearest .5 day, each of four cases voir dired on one day, for example, would have .5 day added to their total trial time, resulting in a total of 2 trial days being reported for only 1 day of actual trial activity.

TABLE SC-32

CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS
BY TYPE OF CASE *
1981 - 1983

	1981			1982			1983		
TYPE OF CASE	No. of Jury Trials	No. of Jury Trial Days	Percent of All Jury Trials	No. of Jury Trials	No. of Jury Trial Days	Percent of All Jury Trials	No. of Jury Trials	No. of Jury Trial Days	Percent of All Jury Trials
- Bail Review	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Transfer	168	188.5	36.8	174	208.0	39.4	185	220.5	45.7
- Appeal	76	90.0	16.7	40	52.0	9.0	5	5.5	1.2
- Boundover	21*	41.0	4.6	22*	42.5	5.0	10*	19.0	2.5
- Indictment	180	363.0	39.5	192	403.0	43.4	188	348.5	46.4
- Information	2	1.5	.4	6	14.5	1.4	4	9.0	1.0
- Juvenile Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Other	4	24.5	.9	-	-	-	1	4.0	.2
- Refiling - Probation Revocation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Refiling - New Trial	5	13.5	1.1	8	16.0	1.8	12	28.5	3.0
STATE TOTAL	456	722.0	100.0	442	736.0	100.0	405	635.0	100.0

* - Includes cases filed and refiled.

- Trials counted by defendant.
- Percentages may not total 100.0 due to rounding.
- The boundovers are cases which were originally filed in the Superior Court as boundovers from the District Court, but which resulted in indictments in the Superior Court. (See Table SC-25).
- There are some discrepancies in calculating the number of jury trial days which may affect the accuracy of these figures. The problem occurs when cases scheduled for trial undergo multiple voir dire (the justice conducts voir dire for several cases on one day, instead of limiting it to the one case facing imminent trial). Since the court clerks are instructed to calculate trial days by rounding to the nearest .5 day, each of four cases voir dired on one day, for example, would have .5 day added to their total trial time, resulting in a total of 2 trial days being reported for only 1 day of actual trial activity.

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TABLE SC-33

CRIMINAL JURY WAIVED TRIALS *

	1979		1980		1981		1982		1983	
	No.of Trials	No.of Days	No.of Trials	No.of Days	No.of Trials	No.of Days	No.of Trials	No.of Days	No.of Trials	No.of Days
- Cumberland	23	34.5	32	26.5	20	19.5	12	15.0	15	17.0
- Lincoln	8	4.0	9	4.5	10	5.0	3	2.5	-	-
- Sagadahoc	7	6.5	10	7.0	9	5.0	5	5.0	13	8.5
- York	9	6.5	7	5.5	11	6.5	9	9.0	11	9.0
Sub Total	47	51.5	58	43.5	50	36.0	29	31.5	39	34.5
- Androscoggin	8	7.0	9	5.5	5	3.5	9	5.0	7	4.5
- Franklin	20	11.0	7	5.0	12	6.0	6	3.5	8	4.5
- Kennebec	18	11.5	23	16.5	15	10.0	13	8.5	18	12.5
- Knox	7	4.0	14	7.5	8	5.5	6	4.0	6	6.0
- Oxford	3	2.0	9	5.0	5	3.0	5	2.5	5	3.0
- Somerset	16	13.0	10	6.5	19	12.0	19	10.0	24	12.0
- Waldo	5	3.0	5	4.0	4	4.5	3	2.5	8	6.5
Sub Total	77	51.5	77	50.0	68	44.5	61	36.0	76	49.0
- Aroostook	6	9.0	6	8.5	9	5.5	10	6.5	5	2.5
- Hancock	3	3.0	8	10.5	1	.5	-	-	6	3.0
- Penobscot	82	62.0	42	34.0	23	22.5	20	23.5	14	12.5
- Piscataquis	3	2.0	-	-	2	1.0	-	-	2	1.0
- Washington	1	1.0	4	10.0	3	1.5	7	3.5	1	.5
Sub Total	95	77.0	60	63.0	38	31.0	37	33.5	28	19.5
STATE TOTAL	219	180	195	156.5	156	111.5	127	101.0	143	103.0

*- Includes cases filed and refiled.

- Trials counted by defendant.
- There are some discrepancies in calculating the number of jury waived trial days which may affect the accuracy of these figures. The problem occurs when cases scheduled for trial undergo multiple voir dire (the justice conducts voir dire for several cases on one day, instead of limiting it to the one case facing imminent trial). Since the court clerks are instructed to calculate trial days by rounding to the nearest .5 day, each of four cases voir dired on one day, for example, would have .5 day added to their total trial time, resulting in a total of 2 trial days being reported for only 1 day of actual trial activity.

TABLE SC-34

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CRIMINAL CASELOAD TIME REPORT

AVERAGE TIME TO JURY TRIAL*

	INDICTMENTS			TRANSFERS		
	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FIRST APPEARANCE TO JURY TRIAL			AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING TO JURY TRIAL		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
- Cumberland	187	172	201	109	146	199
- Lincoln	171	246	188	152	271	191
- Sagadahoc	121	152	235	161	145	153
- York	94	120	217	188	256	116
- Androscoggin	236	239	318	266	145	237
- Franklin	93	139	269	119	208	167
- Kennebec	136	126	205	106	141	181
- Knox	86	96	326	114	327	346
- Oxford	183	277	317	215	241	301
- Somerset	110	139	152	84	90	123
- Waldo	139	188	401	79	145	150
- Aroostook	227	198	226	237	224	143
- Hancock	288	331	131	105	336	404
- Penobscot	244	212	204	170	123	126
- Piscataquis	-	214	-	-	140	206
- Washington	225	293	177	268	294	183
STATE TOTAL	185	202	221	156	181	195

*-Cases counted by defendant.

-Cases in which more than 15 days elapsed between the date of capias issuance and the first appearance date are not included. Also, any case in which more than 999 days has elapsed is recorded only as 999 days.

-The "indictments" category does not include indictments in cases originally filed in Superior Court as boundovers from District Court.

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TABLE SC-35

CRIMINAL CASELOAD TIME REPORT

AVERAGE TIME TO DISPOSITION*

	INDICTMENTS			TRANSFERS			APPEALS		
	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FIRST APPEARANCE TO DISPOSITION			AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION			AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS FROM FILING TO DISPOSITION		
	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983	1981	1982	1983
- Cumberland	136	136	159	121	151	170	141	205	260
- Lincoln	140	149	103	115	152	201	112	175	274
- Sagadahoc	98	178	185	114	135	194	118	211	382
- York	86	104	163	148	239	168	172	260	423
- Androscoggin	202	196	200	215	217	191	310	302	326
- Franklin	153	153	174	117	157	138	165	293	206
- Kennebec	156	133	136	150	122	248	130	253	448
- Knox	219	119	175	185	116	195	127	173	329
- Oxford	131	185	238	185	181	248	209	195	240
- Somerset	94	75	93	76	89	86	124	73	197
- Waldo	104	143	173	97	94	146	144	102	113
- Aroostook	154	146	147	194	161	135	146	178	156
- Hancock	208	163	129	146	223	202	200	272	489
- Penobscot	141	161	140	186	95	108	148	155	165
- Piscataquis	197	231	204	262	218	152	276	382	389
- Washington	191	255	179	204	234	139	169	294	283
STATE TOTAL	143	149	159	141	151	166	159	221	303

*-Cases counted by defendant.

-Cases in which more than 15 days elapsed between the date of capias issuance and the first appearance date are not included. Also, any case in which more than 999 days has elapsed is recorded only as 999 days.

-The "Indictments" category does not include indictments in cases originally filed in Superior Court as boundovers from District Court.

CRIMINAL CASELOAD TIME REPORT

ACTUAL TIME TO DISPOSITION

1983

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FILING OR FIRST APPEARANCE TO DISPOSITION*

	No. of Cases 0-30 Days	No. of Cases 31-60 Days	No. of Cases 61-90 Days	No. of Cases 91-120 Days	No. of Cases 121-Up Days
Androscoggin					
- Indictments	25	16	17	18	173
- Transfers	14	1	48	64	172
- Appeals	-	-	-	-	11
Aroostook					
- Indictments	9	14	20	14	35
- Transfers	29	66	61	67	150
- Appeals	-	3	8	3	9
Cumberland					
- Indictments	48	40	39	70	298
- Transfers	34	24	54	213	656
- Appeals	1	1	2	1	14
Franklin					
- Indictments	6	3	3	8	23
- Transfers	18	25	43	33	170
- Appeals	-	1	-	-	4
Hancock					
- Indictments	49	1	10	3	41
- Transfers	5	8	15	13	93
- Appeals	-	-	-	-	10
Kennebec					
- Indictments	60	29	34	11	110
- Transfers	29	31	37	54	288
- Appeals	-	1	4	-	22
Knox					
- Indictments	11	3	1	4	37
- Transfers	7	3	10	11	189
- Appeals	-	-	-	-	9
Lincoln					
- Indictments	11	1	1	1	11
- Transfers	4	8	7	14	109
- Appeals	-	-	-	3	2
Oxford					
- Indictments	11	5	4	4	64
- Transfers	3	2	4	4	148
- Appeals	1	-	-	-	3
Penobscot					
- Indictments	27	37	53	44	142
- Transfers	43	47	42	32	54
- Appeals	6	4	4	4	9
Piscataquis					
- Indictments	6	1	4	2	7
- Transfers	2	5	8	9	26
- Appeals	-	-	-	-	4
Sagadahoc					
- Indictments	6	1	-	3	23
- Transfers	1	7	6	14	84
- Appeals	-	1	1	1	4
Somerset					
- Indictments	35	10	24	14	32
- Transfers	44	170	124	99	89
- Appeals	1	-	-	1	5
Waldo					
- Indictments	5	5	2	11	20
- Transfers	2	6	22	11	62
- Appeals	-	-	3	-	2
Washington					
- Indictments	13	14	11	11	57
- Transfers	2	22	25	23	45
- Appeals	-	-	-	-	12
York					
- Indictments	41	19	30	45	138
- Transfers	18	81	72	92	223
- Appeals	2	1	-	1	27
STATE TOTAL					
- Indictments	363	199	253	263	1,211
- Transfers	255	506	578	753	2,558
- Appeals	11	12	22	14	147

*-Cases counted by defendant.

-Indictments measured from first appearance date.

-Transfers and Appeals measured from filing date.

-Indictments do not include those indictments in cases originally filed in Superior Court as boundovers from District Court.

-Cases in which more than 15 days elapsed between the date of capias issuance and the first appearance date are not included. Also, any case in which more than 999 days has elapsed is recorded only as 999 days.

-The "Indictments" category does not include indictments in cases originally filed in Superior Court as boundovers from District Court.

CRIMINAL DEFINITIONS

REFILING:

These are matters which have been previously disposed and which have been brought before the Superior Court for further action, although for statistical purposes, such matters are limited to the following circumstances:

1. When a case remanded to the District Court returns to the Superior Court for further action.
2. When a case appealed to the Law Court returns to the Superior Court for further action.
3. When a mistrial occurs and a second trial is required; when a motion for a new trial is granted; or when a case, for any other reason, requires a trial after its original disposition.
4. When a probation revocation is filed.

TYPE OF CASE:

1. Bail Review: Review and hearing of bail set in the District Court by a justice of the Superior Court.
2. Transfer: A criminal matter removed from the District Court to the Superior Court after the defendant has been arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty in the District Court.
3. Appeal: A criminal matter removed from the District Court to the Superior Court after judgment has been entered in the District Court.
4. Boundover: An action filed in the Superior Court after probable cause has been found in the District Court, even if an indictment is filed subsequently.
5. Indictment: An action brought to the Superior Court for determination after the Grand Jury has found that the prosecutor has sufficient evidence to bring the case to trial.
6. Information: An action brought to the Superior Court for trial after the defendant has waived his right to be indicted by the Grand Jury and allows the prosecutor to proceed on a complaint describing the alleged offense.
7. Juvenile Appeal: A juvenile case removed to the Superior Court for review after judgment has been entered in the juvenile court.
8. Other: An action which is not included in any of the above categories, (e.g., motions to suppress in a District Court case, reviews of indigency determination, post-conviction reviews).
9. Refiling-Probation Revocation: A petition to revoke probation.
10. Refiling-New Trial: A previously tried matter requires retrial.

TYPE OF DISPOSITION:

1. District Court Bail Revised: Bail set by the District Court is changed by a justice of the Superior Court.

2. District Court Bail Affirmed: Bail set by the District Court is maintained at the same level by a justice of the Superior Court.

3. Dismissed By Court: Dismissed by a justice of the Superior Court.

4. Dismissed by D.A. Rule 48(a): Dismissed by the District Attorney.

5. Filed Case: Upon consent of the defendant and District Attorney, the case is terminated without final judgment of guilt or innocence.

6. Juvenile Appeal Dispositions: A Superior Court justice affirms the order of adjudication of a juvenile crime and any other orders, or reverses the juvenile order and remands the matter for further proceedings.

7. Not Guilty, Reason Of Insanity: The judgment reflects a finding of insanity by either the court or a jury.

8. Probation Revoked: A justice finds that probation conditions have been violated and probation is revoked.

9. Convicted: There is a finding of guilty by either the court or a jury.

10. Acquitted: There is a finding of not guilty by either the court or a jury.

11. Mistrial: A justice rules that an erroneous or invalid trial has occurred.

12. Other: A disposition which is not included in any of the above categories (e.g., change of venue).

Appendix III

Superior Court Jury Statistics

SUPERIOR COURT JURY STATISTICS

In 1982, the Superior Court began using the State Motor Vehicle Division computer list as a source for jurors. This list consists of licensed drivers, identification card holders, and persons requesting to be included on the source list in order to be considered for jury service. During 1983, this system continued to be a time saver in clerks' offices when the computer was programmed to print juror names directly onto qualification questionnaires, eliminating the need for clerks to manually affix labels to those forms. Also during 1983, the Supreme Judicial Court promulgated a Jury System Management Plan in compliance with 14 M.R.S.A. §1251-A, which provides written documentation of jury selection and management in the Maine Superior Court.

There are two systems used by the Superior Court for the qualification and summoning of prospective jurors. Three courts are using a "one-step qualification/summoning" process whereby jurors are sent qualification questionnaires and summonses at the same time, approximately one month prior to the jury session. Juror yield (i.e., the percentage of persons actually serving as jurors) was about 50%, which means that one-half of all persons contacted for prospective jury service actually served as jurors. Persons who were disqualified, excused, postponed or exempted accounted for about 45%, while mailings not receiving a response or returned by the post office as undeliverable were responsible for the remaining 5%.

"Two-step qualification/summoning" occurs in the remaining 13 courts. This process entails a single mailing of qualification questionnaires to all persons selected for the master list during a given period (usually one year). Periodically throughout the year, summonses are then sent to persons who were previously determined to be qualified. Juror yield in the 13 courts averaged 40%, ranging from under 40% in Washington and York to over 50% in Lincoln and Piscataquis.

The following statistical tables (Table JM-1 and Table JM-2) provide more detailed juror summoning and qualification data.

1983

Results of Juror Qualification and Summoning in One-Step Courts (a)

	Androscoggin	Hancock	Kennebec	3-County Total
Total number of questionnaires/summonses sent	1,095	603	1,163	2,861
Disqualified:				
Not a U.S. citizen	10	3	13	26
Not a county resident	71	44	80	195
Not at least 18 years old	-	-	5	5
Cannot read, speak or understand the English language	13	1	9	23
Deceased	10	2	13	25
Excused	182	122	176	480
Postponed (b)	135	46	203(b)	384(b)
Exempted	15	14	36	65
Not serving due to service within last 5 years	28	10	15	53
Returned by Post Office as undeliverable	45	11	41	97
No response to summons	33	25	25	83
Jurors actually serving	553	325	547	1425
Total Juror Yield (c)	50.5%	53.9%	48.2%	49.8%

(a) These courts send one mailing to prospective jurors, containing a qualification questionnaire and summons, approximately one month prior to the jury session.

(b) This category represents persons who requested that their service be postponed as well as those whom the court postponed because trial scheduling changes resulted in their services not being required. The latter type constituted 14 of Kennebec's postponements. For the purposes of the juror yield calculation, this number has been added to the total number of "jurors actually serving" and divided by the "total number of questionnaires/summonses sent" for a more accurate portrayal of juror yield.

(c) The total juror yield is calculated by dividing the number of "jurors actually serving" by the "total number of questionnaires/summonses sent", excepted as noted in (b) above.

1983
Results of Traverse Juror Qualification and Summoning in Two-Step Courts (a)

TABLE JM-2

	AROOSTOOK		CUMBERLAND		FRANKLIN		KNOX		LINCOLN		OXFORD		PENOBSCOT	
	Q	S	Q	S	Q(b)	S	Q(b)	S	Q	S(c)	Q	S	Q	S
Total Number of questionnaires/ summonses sent	1500	682	3500	2180	1000	300	1200	269	800	641	800	360	1700	817
Disqualified:														
Not a U.S. citizen	44	3	26	1	6	8	4	-	1	8	3	-	15	1
Not a county resident (d)	101	16	280	67	61	4	99	8	64	13	64	-	124	23
Not at least 18 years old	-	-	-	-	2	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cannot read, speak or understand English	18	1	6	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	6	-
Deceased	7	1	23	4	7	-	10	-	-	1	6	-	16	1
Excused	124	213	246	491	31	53	40	54	18	114	82	81	81	229
Postponed (e)	-	11	-	194(e)	-	24	-	38	-	101(e)	-	3	-	60
Exempted	9	6	24	4	2	-	7	-	13	1	23	-	4	3
Not serving due to service within 5 yrs.	23	2	68	25	59	5	61	2	26	14	11	-	14	5
Returned by Post Office as undeliverable	54	5	130	22	32	2	42	5	19	-	26	-	78	10
No response to questionnaire/summons	133	15	349	105	101	13	33	5	59	7	69	1	121	32
Jurors actually qualified/serving	987	409	2348	1266	699	191	886	157	600	382	515	275	1241	453
Juror Qualification/Summoning Yield(f)	65.8	60.0	67.1	61.1	69.9	63.7	73.8	58.4	75.0	68.0	64.4	76.4	73.0	55.4
TOTAL JUROR YIELD (g)	39.5		41.0		44.5		43.1		51.0		49.2		40.4	

	PISCATAQUIS		SAGADAHOC		SOMERSET		WALDO		WASHINGTON		YORK		13-COUNTY TOTAL	
	Q	S(c)	Q	S	Q	S	Q	S	Q(b)	S	Q	S	Q	S
Total Number of questionnaires/ summonses sent	500	143	700	329	1300	565	800	360	1400	535	3000	1647	18,200	8828
Disqualified:														
Not a U.S. citizen	5	-	-	-	12	5	2	-	43	-	14	1	175	27
Not a county resident (d)	35	-	49	8	132	15	46	18	72	16	209	1	1336	189
Not at least 18 years old	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	-	26	-
Cannot read, speak or understand English	3	1	-	-	1	-	5	-	11	-	21	-	77	3
Deceased	-	-	4	-	13	-	7	-	6	1	15	5	114	13
Excused	22	35	21	59	159	152	43	69	122	206	425	495	1414	2251
Postponed (e)	-	3	-	31(e)	-	19	-	15	-	13	-	192(e)	-	704
Exempted	3	-	1	20	-	-	11	5	3	1	-	-	100	40
Not serving due to service within 5 yrs.	11	-	-	6	14	9	26	5	40	2	53	2	406	77
Returned by Post Office as undeliverable	9	-	30	2	33	-	19	4	50	2	134	12	656	64
No response to questionnaire/summons	44	1	110	4	94	7	72	6	53	12	255	62	1493	270
Jurors actually qualified/serving	367	103	485	199	842	358	569	238	996	282	1868	877	12,403	5190
Juror Qualification/Summoning Yield(f)	73.4	72.0	69.3	68.1	64.8	63.4	71.1	66.1	71.1	52.7	62.3	60.8	69.1	58.9
TOTAL JUROR YIELD (g)	52.8		47.2		41.0		47.0		37.5		37.9		40.0	

FOOTNOTES

GENERAL NOTES:

Q = Qualification Process
S = Summoning Process
"Total Number of Questionnaires/Summonses Sent":
questionnaires are sent during the qualification process
summonses are sent during the summoning process
"Jurors actually Qualified/Serving":
jurors are "qualified" during the qualification process
jurors are "serving" during the summoning process

(a) These courts send two mailings to prospective jurors. Qualification questionnaires are mailed once a year to all persons, while summonses are mailed separately to those jurors selected for individual jury sessions.

(b) In Franklin, Knox and Washington, jurors serving during 1983 had actually been qualified in 1982.

(c) In Lincoln and Piscataquis, an additional 138 and 167 summonses respectively were mailed during 1983 to prospective jurors for sessions which later were rescheduled or cancelled.

(d) Approximately 400 persons in "two-step" courts were disqualified from jury service because they were not residents of the county from which they received a qualification questionnaire. This is due to the composition of the Division of Motor Vehicles' computer list, which selects prospective jurors according to the mailing addresses rather than county of residency. The 400 figure reflects the number of persons whose mailing address differed from their county of residency. In such instances, the court clerk forwarded the questionnaires to the correct county for inclusion in that county's master list to insure that such persons would not be systematically excluded from jury service.

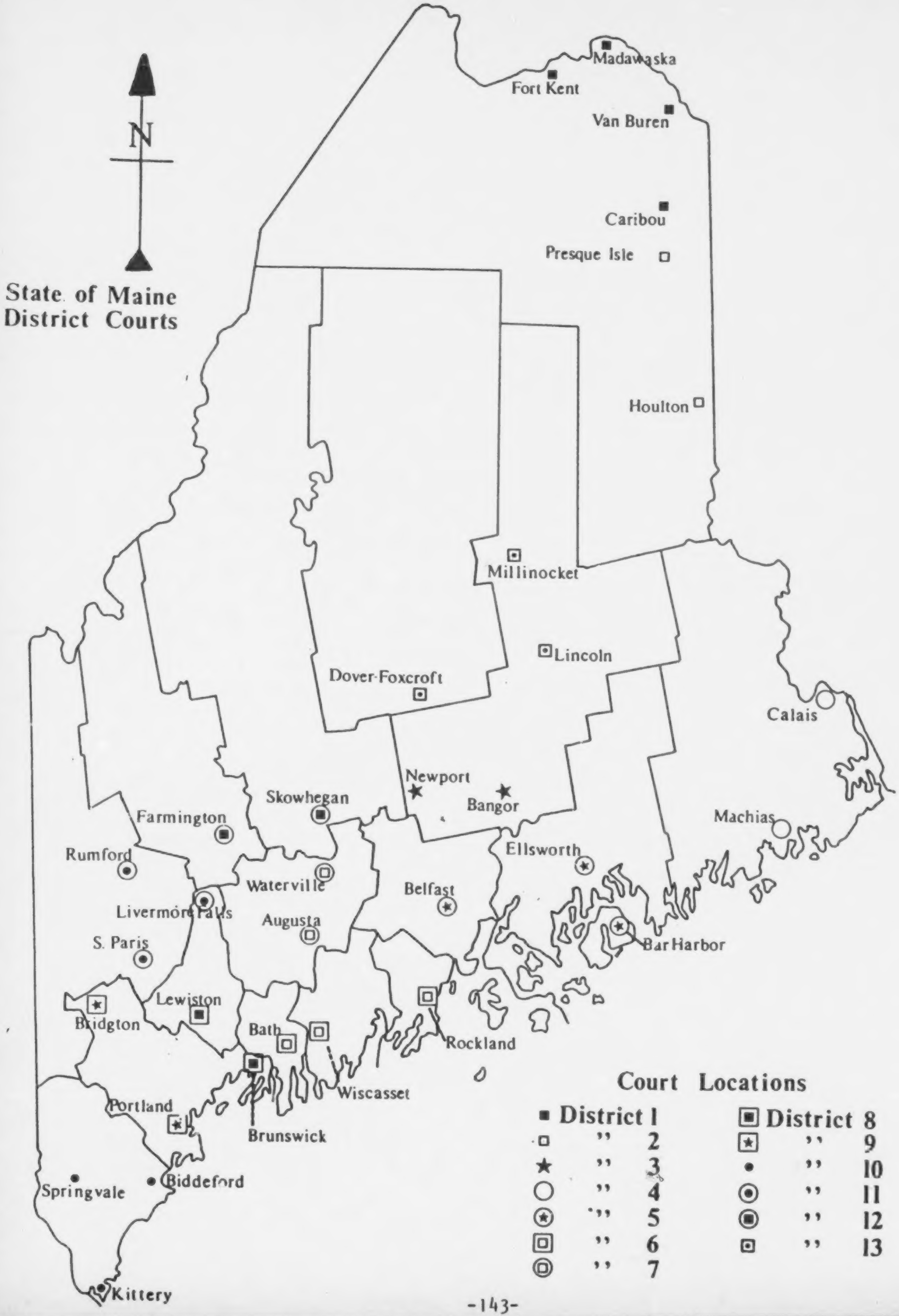
(e) This category represents persons who requested that their service be postponed as well as those whom the court postponed because trial scheduling changes resulted in their services not being required. The latter constituted 65 of Cumberland's postponements, 54 of Lincoln's postponements, 25 of Sagadahoc's postponements, and 125 of York's postponements. For the purposes of the juror yield calculation, these numbers have been added to the total number of "jurors actually serving" and divided by the "total number of questionnaires/summonses sent" for a more accurate portrayal of juror yield.

(f) The "Juror Qualification/Summoning Yield" is calculated by dividing the number of "jurors actually serving" by the "total number of questionnaires/summonses sent", except as noted in (e) above, and is portrayed as a percentage.

(g) The "Total Juror Yield" is calculated by multiplying the qualification yield by the summoning yield, and is portrayed as a percentage.

Appendix IV

District Court Caseload Statistics



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Calais
Newport
Bangor
Skowhegan
Farmington
Machias
Ellsworth
Rumford
Waterville
Belfast
Livermore Falls
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1983

MAINE DISTRICT COURT

JUDGES	COURT LOCATIONS	CLERKS
Hon. Bernard M. Devine, Chief Judge		
DISTRICT I: Hon. Paul T. Pierson	Caribou	Norma Duheme
	Fort Kent	Geneva Desjardins
	Madawaska	Norma Gerard
	Van Buren	Carmen Cyr
DISTRICT II: Hon. Julian W. Turner	Houlton	Freda Carson (retired 12/31/83) Joan Burton (appointed 12/17/83)
	Presque Isle	Bonnie Clayton
DISTRICT III: Hon. F. Davis Clark Hon. Eugene W. Beaulieu	Bangor	Thelma Holmes
	Newport	Jane Sawyer
DISTRICT IV: Hon. Earl J. Wahl	Calais	Elsie McGarrigle
	Machias	Annie H. Hanscom
DISTRICT V: Hon. Jack O. Smith	Bar Harbor	Arlene Jordan
	Belfast	Donna Bonney
	Ellsworth	Margaret Dorr
DISTRICT VI: Hon. Alan C. Pease, Deputy Chief Judge	Bath	Ann Feeney
	Rockland	Mary Ledger
	Wiscasset	Barbara Cowan (retired 8/5/83) Lucy Russell (appointed 8/5/83)
DISTRICT VII: Hon. Courtland D. Perry, II	Augusta	Mary Godbout
	Waterville	June L'Heureux
DISTRICT VIII: Hon. L. Damon Scales, Jr.	Brunswick	Susan Arnold
	Lewiston	Yvette Houle
DISTRICT IX: Hon. Robert W. Donovan	Bridgton	Beverly MacKerron
	Portland	Susan MacDonald
DISTRICT X: Hon. Roland A. Cole	Biddeford	Vivian Hickey
	Kittery	Patricia Beatty (resigned 4/1/83) Beryl Hill (appointed 4/4/83)
	Springvale	Alice Monroe
DISTRICT XI: Hon. John L. Batherson	Livermore Falls	Dolores Richards
	Rumford	Eleanor Marsanskis (Sciaraffa)
	South Paris	Joan Millett
DISTRICT XII: Hon. John W. Benoit, Jr.	Farmington	Constance Small
	Skowhegan	Sandra Carroll
DISTRICT XIII: Hon. Susan W. Calkins	Dover-Foxcroft	Margaret Poulin
	Lincoln	Ann Coolong
	Millinocket	Nancy Turmel

AT-LARGE:

Hon. Harriet P. Henry
Hon. Ronald L. Kellam
Hon. Millard E. Emanuelson
Hon. G. Arthur Brennan
Hon. Ronald D. Russell

ACTIVE-RETIRED:

Hon. Roland J. Poulin
Hon. Paul A. MacDonald
Hon. Israel Alpren
Hon. Edwin R. Smith
Hon. Arthur A. Nadeau, Jr.
Hon. Simon Spill

DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS

The District Court Statistical Reporting System was established in July 1978 to collect information concerning filings, dispositions, and various caseload activities by type of case, although the reporting of gross filings and dispositions began in fiscal year 1975. Beginning in 1982, only those statistics relating to filings, dispositions, and waivers have been collected. The system is a totally manual operation; monthly statistical forms are completed by each District Court clerk and submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts for manual compilation and analysis on a quarterly and annual basis. Some discrepancies have arisen during the past several years, primarily due to the enormous volume of cases being manually tallied. While the statistics may be less than 100% accurate, they do nevertheless indicate certain gross trends since 1979, although it should be noted that much judge and clerk activity occurs after judgment is entered and the case is reported as disposed which is not reflected in these figures. During 1983, several courts reporting significantly higher filings in 1979 than in any other year were audited, so some figures for 1979 may differ from those reported in previous Annual Reports. (See page 166).

The following tables present statistics relating to District Court filings and dispositions for 11 case type categories, waivers and recordings. Footnotes for the District Court statistical tables appear on Page 166 of this report. Case type definitions appear on Page 167.

Table DC-1: Total Filings

This table includes all types of cases filed in the District Court, and demonstrates the almost 6% increase in filings since last year, ranging from over 15% decreases in Caribou, Van Buren, Houlton and Bar Harbor to increases of more than 15% in Calais, Portland, Kittery, Springvale and Millinocket.

Table DC-2: Total Filings in the Nine Largest District Courts

The nine largest District Court locations are now responsible for over 63% of the state's caseload.

Table DC-3: Filings, Excluding "Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions"

Since the case type entitled "Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions" generally requires little judge-time and less than average clerical time, these cases have been excluded on this table.

Graph DC-4: Composition of 1983 Caseload

This graph depicts the types of cases comprising the District Court's caseload.

Table DC-5: Filings and Dispositions by Type of Case

This table details the types of cases filed and disposed in the 33 District Court locations since 1979. Of most significant note are the marked increases in the filing of family abuse, small claims, and civil violations and traffic infractions types of cases.

Table DC-6: Waivers

These are cases in which the defendant waives court appearance in favor of paying a fine. The bulk of these waivers are for civil violations and traffic infraction cases, but some sea and shore, and fish and game waivers are also included. Unfortunately, since data for some courts are incomplete, the statewide total is not an accurate portrayal of the frequency with which waivers are filed.

Table DC-7: Recordings

The District Court's Electronic Recording Division reports that there were 7298 recordings made during 1983, a 22.5% increase over 1982.

DISTRICT COURT

TOTAL FILINGS*

1979 - 1983

		1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1982-1983
DISTRICT I:	Caribou	5,298	3,683	3,459	3,577	2,809	-20.9
	Fort Kent	1,640	1,394	1,618	1,234	1,237	.2
	Madawaska	2,127	1,819	1,458	1,312	1,295	-1.7
	Van Buren(a)	585	375	499	345	301	-37.2
	Sub Total	9,650	7,271	7,034	6,468	5,642	-14.3
DISTRICT II:	Houlton	5,512	5,125	5,863	4,630	3,795	-18.0
	Presque Isle	6,445	5,487	5,151	4,591	4,603	.3
	Sub Total	11,958	10,612	11,014	9,221	8,398	-8.9
DISTRICT III:	Bangor	17,327	16,172	15,920	16,123	15,071	-6.5
	Newport	5,268	4,998	3,931	3,497	3,988	14.0
	Sub Total	22,595	21,170	19,851	19,620	19,059	-2.9
DISTRICT IV:	Calais	3,609	2,858	2,690	2,600	3,182	22.4
	Machias	2,864	2,506	2,182	2,683	2,742	2.2
	Sub Total	6,473	5,364	4,872	5,283	5,924	12.1
DISTRICT V:	Bar Harbor	1,325	1,437	1,486	1,442	1,186	-17.8
	Belfast(d)	4,707	4,379	4,421	4,244	3,766	-11.3
	Ellsworth	5,530	5,486	5,668	6,458	6,251	-3.2
	Sub Total	11,562	11,302	11,575	12,144	11,203	-7.7
DISTRICT VI:	Bath	6,783	6,882	6,548	5,480	6,254	14.1
	Rockland	6,121	5,575	5,474	5,972	5,311	-11.1
	Wiscasset	4,726	4,609	4,718	4,753	4,536	-4.6
	Sub Total	17,630	17,066	16,740	16,205	16,101	-.6
DISTRICT VII:	Augusta	14,836	16,586	15,336	14,387	13,345	-7.2
	Waterville	7,275	6,810	7,083	7,363	8,398	14.1
	Sub Total	22,111	23,396	22,419	21,750	21,743	-
DISTRICT VIII:	Brunswick	8,609	9,885	9,190	8,578	9,028	5.2
	Lewiston	16,142	17,819	17,320	16,850	17,834	5.8
	Sub Total	24,751	27,704	26,510	25,428	26,862	5.6
DISTRICT IX:	Bridgton	3,260	3,488	2,996	2,871	3,155	9.9
	Portland	36,965	37,811	40,290	37,361	44,344	18.7
	Sub Total	40,225	41,299	43,286	40,232	47,499	18.1
DISTRICT X:	Biddeford	17,400	17,851	17,653	14,625	16,631	13.7
	Kittery	10,024	9,841	9,314	9,191	11,803	28.4
	Springvale	6,505	7,150	6,658	6,162	7,675	24.6
	Sub Total	33,929	34,842	33,625	29,978	36,109	20.5
DISTRICT XI:	LivermoreFalls	1,332	1,473	1,600	1,638	1,536	-6.2
	Rumford	3,669	3,805	3,760	3,591	3,258	-9.3
	South Paris	2,878	2,858	2,800	2,983	3,189	6.9
	Sub Total	7,879	8,136	8,160	8,212	7,983	-2.8
DISTRICT XII:	Farmington	3,901	4,031	5,107	4,891	4,440	-9.2
	Skowhegan	11,676	8,794	9,248	7,738	8,304	7.3
	Sub Total	15,577	12,825	14,355	12,629	12,744	.9
DISTRICT XIII:	Dover-Foxcroft	2,936	2,998	2,856	3,019	3,061	1.4
	Lincoln	4,595	4,027	3,361	3,274	3,168	-3.2
	Millinocket	3,515	3,145	2,865	2,008	2,424	20.7
	Sub Total	11,046	10,170	9,082	8,301	8,653	4.2
	STATE TOTAL	235,386	231,157	228,523	215,471	227,920	5.7
REORGANIZED DISTRICTS:	Bridgton	3,260	3,488	2,996	2,871	3,155	9.9
	LivermoreFalls	1,332	1,473	1,600	1,638	1,536	-6.2
	Rumford	3,669	3,805	3,760	3,591	3,258	-9.3
	South Paris	2,878	2,858	2,800	2,983	3,189	6.9
	Sub Total	11,139	11,624	11,156	11,083	11,138	.5
	Bath	6,783	6,382	6,548	5,480	6,254	14.1
	Brunswick	8,609	9,885	9,190	8,578	9,028	5.2
	Sub Total	15,392	16,767	15,738	14,058	15,282	8.7
	Rockland	6,121	5,575	5,474	5,972	5,311	-11.1
	Wiscasset	4,726	4,609	4,718	4,753	4,536	-4.6
	Sub Total	10,847	10,184	10,192	10,725	9,847	-8.2

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DISTRICT COURT

TOTAL FILINGS IN THE NINE LARGEST COURTS

1979 - 1983

	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1979-1983
Augusta	14,836	16,586	15,336	14,387	13,345	-10.0
Bangor	17,327	16,172	15,920	16,123	15,071	-13.0
Biddeford	17,400	17,851	17,653	14,625	16,631	-4.4
Brunswick	8,609	9,885	9,190	8,578	9,028	4.9
Kittery	10,024	9,841	9,314	9,191	11,803	17.7
Lewiston	16,142	17,819	17,320	16,850	17,834	10.5
Portland	36,965	37,811	40,290	37,361	44,344	20.0
Skowhegan	11,676	8,794	9,248	7,738	8,304	-28.9
Waterville	7,275	6,810	7,083	7,363	8,398	15.4
TOTAL	140,254	141,569	141,354	132,216	144,758	32.0
% of Total District Court Filings	59.6	61.2	61.9	61.4	63.5	

DISTRICT COURT

FILINGS, EXCLUDING "CIVIL VIOLATIONS AND TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS" *

1979 - 1983

		1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1982-1983
DISTRICT I:	Caribou	2,775	2,576	2,487	2,376	1,825	-22.3
	Fort Kent	811	935	935	671	646	-3.7
	Madawaska	1,446	1,301	969	859	974	12.6
	Van Buren (a)	293	230	267	210	157	-38.4
	Sub Total	5,325	5,042	4,658	4,116	3,602	-13.0
DISTRICT II:	Houlton	2,870	3,133	3,702	3,198	2,516	-21.3
	Presque Isle	3,588	3,862	3,706	3,374	3,294	-2.4
	Sub Total	6,458	6,995	7,408	6,572	5,810	-11.6
DISTRICT III:	Bangor	10,538	10,785	10,431	10,436	10,038	-3.8
	Newport	1,899	2,091	1,902	1,659	1,814	9.3
	Sub Total	12,437	12,876	12,333	12,095	11,852	-2.0
DISTRICT IV:	Calais	2,457	1,985	2,035	2,002	2,080	3.9
	Machias	2,227	1,733	1,656	2,078	2,041	-1.8
	Sub Total	4,684	3,718	3,691	4,080	4,121	1.0
DISTRICT V:	Bar Harbor	796	922	914	839	762	-9.2
	Belfast (d)	3,108	3,159	3,067	2,937	2,700	-8.1
	Ellsworth	3,337	3,654	3,677	3,959	3,784	-4.4
	Sub Total	7,241	7,735	7,658	7,735	7,246	-6.3
DISTRICT VI:	Bath	3,461	3,635	3,592	3,282	3,095	-5.7
	Rockland	4,438	4,286	4,078	4,325	4,031	-6.8
	Wiscasset	2,993	2,829	2,973	3,034	2,761	-9.0
	Sub Total	10,892	10,750	10,643	10,641	9,887	-7.1
DISTRICT VII:	Augusta	8,061	8,528	9,563	7,728	7,752	.3
	Waterville	4,934	4,759	5,180	5,363	5,471	2.0
	Sub Total	12,995	13,287	14,743	13,091	13,223	1.0
DISTRICT VIII:	Brunswick	3,815	4,350	4,644	4,020	4,093	1.8
	Lewiston	10,622	11,333	12,081	11,260	10,267	-8.8
	Sub Total	14,437	15,683	16,725	15,280	14,360	-6.0
DISTRICT IX:	Bridgton	1,407	1,737	1,692	1,951	1,972	1.1
	Portland	20,111	21,867	24,130	21,673	23,526	8.5
	Sub Total	21,518	23,604	25,822	23,624	25,498	7.9
DISTRICT X:	Biddeford	8,667	9,027	9,058	8,796	8,986	2.2
	Kittery	4,483	5,703	5,927	5,986	7,310	22.1
	Springvale	4,445	4,408	4,405	4,196	4,710	12.2
	Sub Total	17,595	19,138	19,390	18,978	21,006	10.7
DISTRICT XI:	LivermoreFalls	864	868	1,188	1,052	920	-12.5
	Rumford	2,799	3,042	2,868	2,636	2,261	-14.2
	South Paris	2,201	2,208	2,334	2,468	2,646	7.2
	Sub Total	5,864	6,118	6,390	6,156	5,827	-5.3
DISTRICT XII:	Farmington	2,863	2,717	3,019	3,077	2,794	-9.2
	Skowhegan	6,363	5,267	5,718	5,137	5,588	8.8
	Sub Total	9,226	7,984	8,737	8,214	8,382	2.0
DISTRICT XIII:	Dover-Foxcroft	2,159	2,325	2,315	2,265	2,112	-6.8
	Lincoln	1,309	1,529	1,352	1,470	1,283	-12.7
	Millinocket	2,019	2,021	1,901	1,371	1,561	13.9
	Sub Total	5,487	5,875	5,568	5,106	4,956	-2.9
	STATE TOTAL	134,159	138,805	143,766	135,688	135,770	-
REORGANIZED DISTRICTS:	Bridgton	1,407	1,737	1,692	1,951	1,972	1.1
	LivermoreFalls	864	868	1,188	1,052	920	-12.5
	Rumford	2,799	3,042	2,868	2,636	2,261	-14.2
	South Paris	2,201	2,208	2,334	2,468	2,646	7.2
	Sub Total	7,271	7,855	8,082	8,106	7,799	-3.8
	Bath	3,461	3,635	3,592	3,282	3,095	-5.7
	Brunswick	3,815	4,350	4,644	4,020	4,093	1.8
	Sub Total	7,276	7,985	8,236	7,302	7,188	-1.6
	Rockland	4,438	4,286	4,078	4,325	4,031	-6.8
	Wiscasset	2,993	2,829	2,973	3,034	2,761	-9.0
	Sub Total	7,431	7,115	7,051	7,359	6,792	-7.7

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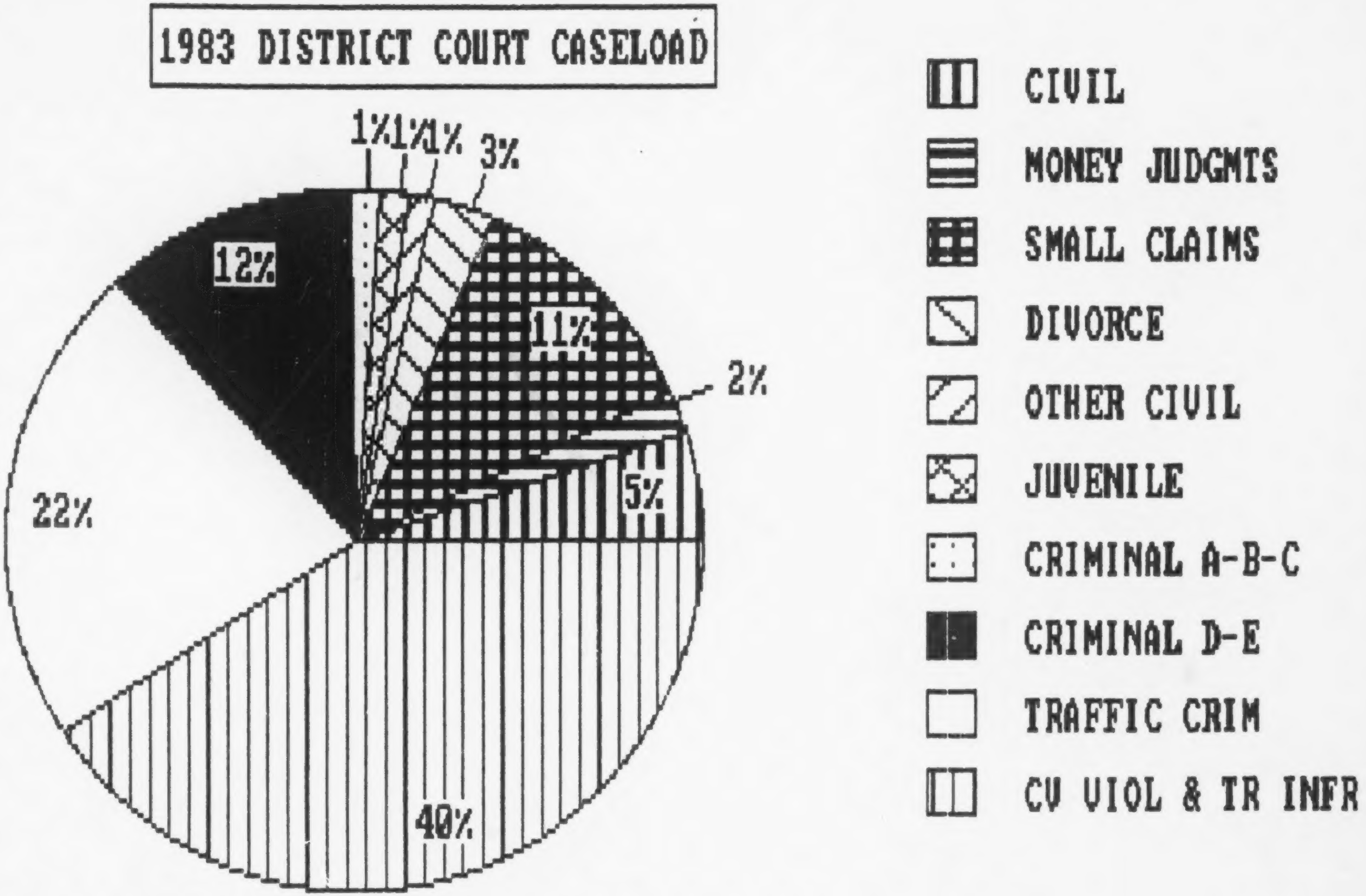
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DISTRICT COURT

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS BY TYPE OF CASE *

1979 - 1983

FILINGS

STATE TOTALS:	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Civil	13,528	14,013	14,542	13,324	12,481	-6.3
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	1,574	2,107	33.9
- Money Judgments	6,723	6,821	5,530	4,705	4,463	-5.1
- Small Claims	18,534	20,132	21,063	22,174	24,051	8.5
- Divorce	7,748	7,591	7,742	6,992	7,001	.1
- Mental Health	546	899	682	811	720	-11.2
Sub Total	47,079	49,456	49,559	49,580	50,823	2.5
- Juvenile	3,884	3,961	3,864	3,405	3,240	-4.8
- Criminal A,B,C	2,736	3,035	2,962	3,338	3,399	1.8
- Criminal D,E	24,608	26,279	26,521	27,287	27,017	-1.0
- Traffic Criminal	55,852	56,074	60,860	52,078	51,291	-1.5
Sub Total	87,080	89,349	94,207	86,108	84,947	1.3
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	101,227	92,352	84,757	79,783	92,150	15.5
TOTAL FILINGS:	235,386	231,157	228,523	215,471	227,920	5.8

DISPOSITIONS

STATE TOTALS:	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	% Change 1982-1983
- Civil	11,674	12,457	15,063	14,034	12,781	-8.9
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	1,422	1,954	37.4
- Money Judgments	5,861	6,570	5,675	4,559	4,349	-4.6
- Small Claims	15,647	17,509	18,713	20,742	23,093	11.3
- Divorce	7,213	7,526	8,454	6,751	6,990	3.5
- Mental Health	480	897	737	760	722	-5.0
Sub Total	40,875	44,959	48,642	48,268	49,889	3.4
- Juvenile	3,642	3,939	3,795	3,148	3,325	5.6
- Criminal A,B,C	2,710	2,543	2,871	3,120	3,137	-.5
- Criminal D,E	23,834	25,027	26,368	27,646	26,915	-2.6
- Traffic Criminal	51,030	49,485	58,420	52,827	51,813	-1.9
Sub Total	81,216	80,994	91,454	86,741	85,190	-1.8
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	103,816	96,308	85,996	80,261	89,417	11.4
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS:	225,907	222,261	226,092	215,270	224,496	4.3

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	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
CARIBOU - District I	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	295	300	279	290	228	242	296	284	320	275
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	26	36	-	-	-	20	26
- Money Judgments	204	194	141	132	120	200	194	142	139	123
- Small Claims	534	640	472	463	366	408	552	495	479	398
- Divorce	194	198	195	196	199	189	193	197	204	199
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,227	1,332	1,087	1,107	951	1,039	1,235	1,118	1,162	1,021
- Juvenile	64	66	60	70	58	66	73	85	63	62
- Criminal A,B,C	54	70	41	26	28	62	58	50	32	28
- Criminal D,E	376	374	388	304	200	369	377	371	300	213
- Traffic Criminal	1,054	734	911	869	588	1,035	768	932	867	569
Sub Total	1,548	1,244	1,400	1,269	874	1,532	1,276	1,438	1,262	872
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	2,523	1,107	972	1,201	984	2,526	1,117	983	1,185	915
TOTAL	5,298	3,683	3,459	3,577	2,809	5,097	3,628	3,539	3,609	2,808
FORT KENT - District I										
- Civil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Money Judgments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Small Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Divorce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Juvenile	10	13	8	13	10	16	12	1	12	12
- Criminal A,B,C	19	13	11	19	14	20	10	11	18	12
- Criminal D,E	376	448	387	337	253	378	450	390	312	250
- Traffic Criminal	406	461	529	302	369	400	467	494	300	354
Sub Total	811	935	935	671	646	814	939	896	642	628
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	829	459	683	563	591	852	453	692	544	575
TOTAL	1,640	1,394	1,618	1,234	1,237	1,666	1,392	1,588	1,186	1,203
MADAWASKA - District I										
- Civil	217	217	181	173	149	112	96	129	114	176
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
- Money Judgments	111	135	134	91	76	209	174	119	97	73
- Small Claims	568	454	289	272	306	438	583	228	254	239
- Divorce	69	53	55	58	51	59	42	71	61	64
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	965	859	659	594	585	818	895	547	526	555
- Juvenile	14	12	7	23	26	11	12	7	28	25
- Criminal A,B,C	7	7	11	11	13	7	7	11	11	11
- Criminal D,E	246	275	185	111	140	250	273	181	111	131
- Traffic Criminal	214	148	107	120	210	209	153	108	120	202
Sub Total	481	442	310	265	389	477	443	307	270	369
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	681	518	489	453	321	638	516	487	452	318
TOTAL	2,127	1,819	1,458	1,312	1,295	1,933	1,856	1,341	1,248	1,242
VAN BUREN - District I(a)										
- Civil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Money Judgments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Small Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Divorce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Juvenile	1	7	4	12	11	1	7	4	12	11
- Criminal A,B,C	14	19	31	24	51	11	16	31	40	46
- Criminal D,E	118	111	124	78	47	106	88	124	68	54
- Traffic Criminal	160	93	108	96	48	151	73	107	98	58
Sub Total	293	230	267	210	157	267	188	265	221	169
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	292	145	232	135	144	284	140	230	132	165
TOTAL	585	375	499	345	301	557	337	499	353	334

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
HOULTON - District II (c)	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1992	1983
- Civil	279	364	319	336	307	264	243	334	333	267
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	11	25	-	-	-	2	14
- Money Judgments	234	221	190	150	173	118	144	135	93	102
- Small Claims	526	724	453	416	403	467	668	403	344	377
- Divorce	109	111	103	103	95	89	101	91	98	101
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,148	1,420	1,065	1,016	1,003	938	1,156	963	870	861
- Juvenile	85	74	119	84	58	78	51	92	90	41
- Criminal A,B,C	38	56	84	66	48	36	52	76	55	48
- Criminal D,E	450	492	908	531	443	535	458	876	415(c)	455
- Traffic Criminal	1,149	1,091	1,526	1,501	964	1,142	1,039	1,520	1,476(c)	1,134
Sub Total	1,722	1,713	2,637	2,182	1,513	1,791	1,600	2,564	2,036	1,678
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	2,642	1,992	2,161	1,432	1,279	2,664	1,988	2,090	1,474	1,329
TOTAL	5,512	5,125	5,863	4,630	3,795	5,393	4,744	5,617	4,380	3,868
PRESQUE ISLE - Dist.II										
- Civil	680	692	762	753	646	532	533	580	718	660
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	25	24	-	-	-	22	24
- Money Judgments	414	396	410	358	370	424	396	401	351	371
- Small Claims	440	333	338	333	404	465	335	341	258	321
- Divorce	179	160	177	148	157	145	122	170	131	164
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,713	1,581	1,687	1,617	1,601	1,566	1,386	1,492	1,480	1,540
- Juvenile	94	97	82	70	58	84	72	73	62	57
- Criminal A,B,C	38	11	35	60	70	45	26	50	59	64
- Criminal D,E	801	804	676	616	605	807	710	636	622	586
- Traffic Criminal	942	1,369	1,226	1,011	960	1,089	1,340	1,186	965	974
Sub Total	1,875	2,281	2,019	1,757	1,693	2,025	2,148	1,945	1,708	1,681
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	2,858	1,625	1,445	1,217	1,309	2,838	1,641	1,480	1,222	1,336
TOTAL	6,446	5,487	5,151	4,591	4,603	6,429	5,175	4,917	4,410	4,557

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
BANGOR - District III	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	1,257	1,156	1,481	1,222	1,253	1,613	959	1,583	1,344	1,158
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	206	221	-	-	-	204	203
- Money Judgments	475	439	438	334	311	434	381	512	346	235
- Small Claims	1,186	1,403	1,823	2,022	1,608	634	932	1,766	1,982	1,850
- Divorce	611	692	567	607	648	501	640	824	560	648
- Mental Health	255	240	220	222	277	225	243	215	217	295
Sub Total	3,784	3,930	4,529	4,613	4,318	3,407	3,155	4,900	4,653	4,389
- Juvenile	309	438	345	330	294	257	409	433	307	296
- Criminal A,B,C	199	247	267	266	248	183	264	274	264	299
- Criminal D,E	1,525	1,854	1,718	2.388	2,600	1,416	1,875	1,695	2,256	2,514
- Traffic Criminal	4,721	4,316	3,572	2,839	2,578	4,510	4,282	3,426	2,868	2,526
Sub Total	6,754	6,855	5,902	5,823	5,720	6,366	6,830	5,828	5,695	5,635
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	6,789	5,387	5,489	5,687	5,033	6,742	5,376	5,399	5,734	5,093
TOTAL	17,327	16,172	15,920	16,123	15,071	16,515	15,361	16,127	16,082	15,117
NEWPORT - District III										
- Civil	91	103	128	120	119	86	82	108	126	133
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	32	47	-	-	-	29	47
- Money Judgments	124	91	73	59	46	135	83	69	60	49
- Small Claims	275	344	293	279	489	253	300	245	264	477
- Divorce	137	149	137	139	145	115	135	115	128	153
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	627	687	631	629	846	589	600	537	607	859
- Juvenile	93	54	66	46	57	79	49	57	37	51
- Criminal A,B,C	48	40	50	40	57	46	33	48	44	50
- Criminal D,E	445	457	439	421	296	402	452	436	420	275
- Traffic Criminal	686	853	716	523	558	699	847	774	536	551
Sub Total	1,272	1,404	1,271	1,030	968	1,226	1,381	1,315	1,037	927
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	3,369	2,907	2,029	1,838	2,174	2,672	2,757	1,900	1,673	2,051
TOTAL	5,268	4,998	3,931	3,497	3,988	4,487	4,738	3,752	3,317	3,837

CALAIS - District IV	FILINGS 1979	FILINGS 1980	FILINGS 1981	FILINGS 1982	FILINGS 1983	DISPOSITIONS 1979	DISPOSITIONS 1980	DISPOSITIONS 1981	DISPOSITIONS 1982	DISPOSITIONS 1983
- Civil	189	180	211	203	197	147	201	217	223	175
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	6	15	-	-	-	5	19
- Money Judgments	78	99	78	89	89	84	124	102	119	103
- Small Claims	311	242	247	320	571	298	246	282	318	630
- Divorce	124	122	119	95	87	139	115	158	104	101
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	702	643	655	713	959	668	686	759	769	1,028
- Juvenile	100	56	58	48	32	90	59	62	40	53
- Criminal A,B,C	79	39	72	37	23	76	41	79	43	26
- Criminal D,E	668	669	574	551	465	716	713	587	530	535
- Traffic Criminal	908	578	676	653	601	903	607	676	616	640
Sub Total	1,755	1,342	1,380	1,289	1,121	1,785	1,420	1,404	1,229	1,254
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	1,152	873	655	598	1,102	1,146	865	731	594	995
TOTAL	3,609	2,858	2,690	2,600	3,182	3,599	2,971	2,894	2,592	3,277
MACHIAS - District IV										
- Civil	104	135	151	117	123	91	183	115	132	128
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	22	23	-	-	-	21	26
- Money Judgments	42	50	39	35	35	8	6	8	5	11
- Small Claims	398	341	203	398	362	150	244	94	310	329
- Divorce	109	109	134	93	104	111	132	109	100	116
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	653	635	527	665	647	360	565	326	568	610
- Juvenile	54	21	12	38	34	16	22	6	19	27
- Criminal A,B,C	74	38	57	39	42	41	37	50	46	39
- Criminal D,E	772	677	678	661	670	640	596	579	685	710
- Traffic Criminal	674	362	382	675	648	565	362	380	675	683
Sub Total	1,574	1,098	1,129	1,413	1,394	1,262	1,017	1,015	1,425	1,459
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	637	773	526	605	701	598	841	504	636	706
TOTAL	2,864	2,506	2,182	2,683	2,742	2,220	2,423	1,845	2,629	2,775

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
BAR HARBOR - District V										
- Civil	102	77	94	115	67	64	69	60	104	52
- Family Abuse(b)	-	-	-	19	5	-	-	-	12	4
- Money Judgments	40	57	36	20	13	23	72	37	46	11
- Small Claims	135	192	157	174	178	131	179	141	191	190
- Divorce	70	62	88	62	55	61	52	67	79	52
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	347	388	375	390	318	279	372	305	432	309
- Juvenile	41	21	11	30	29	34	29	15	25	27
- Criminal A,B,C	21	23	25	15	21	10	25	18	18	15
- Criminal D,E	202	230	252	319	281	230	233	221	305	305
- Traffic Criminal	185	260	251	85	113	191	248	223	83	135
Sub Total	449	534	539	449	444	465	535	477	431	482
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	529	515	572	603	424	535	524	513	615	459
TOTAL	1,325	1,437	1,486	1,442	1,186	1,279	1,431	1,295	1,478	1,250
BELFAST - District V (d)										
- Civil	287	248	219	228	186	213	238	158	175	76
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	17	28	-	-	-	15	16
- Money Judgments	156	151	119	66	69	146	120	88	59	52
- Small Claims	709	695	494	458	652	487	697	428	391	534
- Divorce	183	182	192	172	167	176	170	156	126	104
- Mental Health	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,335	1,277	1,024	941	1,102	1,022	1,225	830	766	782
- Juvenile	76	55	86	95	30	59	55	81	69	63
- Criminal A,B,C	72	99	94	78(d)	47	62	80	90	81	44
- Criminal D,E	583	725	733	745(d)	649	587	681	814	658	639
- Traffic Criminal	1,042	1,003	1,130	1,078	872	999	958	1,152	1,054	852
Sub Total	1,773	1,882	2,043	1,996	1,598	1,707	1,774	2,137	1,862	1,598
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	1,599	1,220	1,354	1,307	1,066	1,640	1,239	1,337	1,279	1,082
TOTAL	4,707	4,379	4,421	4,244	3,766	4,369	4,238	4,304	3,907	3,462
ELLSWORTH - District V										
- Civil	231	280	259	285	232	278	302	255	296	224
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	34	54	-	-	-	27	49
- Money Judgments	199	151	115	74	61	208	165	156	149	111
- Small Claims	750	892	648	747	770	671	820	556	725	722
- Divorce	237	207	221	222	238	202	213	213	219	213
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,417	1,530	1,243	1,362	1,355	1,359	1,500	1,180	1,416	1,319
- Juvenile	80	93	70	88	114	78	96	67	79	98
- Criminal A,B,C	58	72	51	73	63	49	69	53	77	54
- Criminal D,E	665	618	728	1,001	884	599	642	650	954	709
- Traffic Criminal	1,117	1,341	1,585	1,435	1,368	1,093	1,360	1,556	1,441	1,379
Sub Total	1,920	2,124	2,434	2,597	2,429	1,819	2,167	2,326	2,551	2,240
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	2,193	1,832	1,991	2,499	2,467	2,065	1,848	1,911	3,232	2,512
TOTAL	5,530	5,486	5,668	6,458	6,251	5,243	5,515	5,417	7,199	6,071

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
BATH - District VI	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	329	361	373	303	267	370	425	275	403	275
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	32	38	-	-	-	22	31
- Money Judgments	211	219	138	98	119	153	186	117	67	77
- Small Claims	416	555	517	524	571	283	525	473	440	535
- Divorce	234	228	240	215	207	217	249	214	208	204
- Mental Health	1	5	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-
Sub Total	1,191	1,368	1,268	1,173	1,202	1,023	1,387	1,079	1,141	1,122
- Juvenile	92	123	97	129	58	74	131	105	118	52
- Criminal A,B,C	69	99	84	112	68	64	91	81	103	62
- Criminal D,E	468	512	533	505	439	394	491	505	459	439
- Traffic Criminal	1,641	1,533	1,610	1,363	1,328	1,407	1,530	1,588	1,318	1,331
Sub Total	2,270	2,267	2,324	2,109	1,893	1,939	2,243	2,279	1,998	1,884
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	3,322	3,247	2,956	2,198	3,159	2,984	3,261	2,931	2,143	3,103
TOTAL	6,783	6,882	6,548	5,480	6,254	5,946	6,891	6,289	5,282	6,109
ROCKLAND - District VI										
- Civil	419	508	446	362	364	393	396	409	345	417
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	22	38	-	-	-	14	32
- Money Judgments	309	365	243	205	185	204	237	133	140	127
- Small Claims	895	878	816	1,310	1,161	736	727	762	1,186	1,526
- Divorce	240	249	272	227	257	202	236	226	200	254
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,863	2,000	1,777	2,126	2,005	1,535	1,596	1,530	1,885	2,356
- Juvenile	89	157	95	106	116	81	155	88	111	118
- Criminal A,B,C	73	71	65	109	91	91	78	74	79	118
- Criminal D,E	855	715	650	731	598	804	720	643	660	579
- Traffic Criminal	1,558	1,343	1,491	1,253	1,221	1,517	1,340	1,447	1,171	1,204
Sub Total	2,575	2,286	2,301	2,199	2,026	2,493	2,293	2,252	2,021	2,019
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	1,683	1,289	1,396	1,647	1,280	1,680	1,266	1,378	1,638	1,281
TOTAL	6,121	5,575	5,474	5,972	5,311	5,708	5,155	5,160	5,544	5,656
WISCASSET - District VI										
- Civil	229	249	215	202	210	190	177	254	179	226
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	31	28	-	-	-	28	23
- Money Judgments	221	151	109	70	75	168	123	88	85	65
- Small Claims	498	635	684	775	519	442	506	591	673	475
- Divorce	210	191	187	160	158	173	143	158	139	135
- Mental Health	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-
Sub Total	1,158	1,226	1,195	1,241	990	973	949	1,091	1,106	926
- Juvenile	62	63	63	54	77	35	48	44	19	77
- Criminal A,B,C	44	58	41	113	111	45	21	40	96	115
- Criminal D,E	429	364	389	685	614	421	358	394	562	569
- Traffic Criminal	1,300	1,118	1,285	941	969	1,275	1,101	1,201	837	941
Sub Total	1,835	1,603	1,778	1,793	1,771	1,776	1,528	1,679	1,514	1,702
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	1,733	1,780	1,745	1,719	1,775	1,735	1,734	1,582	1,489	1,693
TOTAL	4,726	4,609	4,718	4,753	4,536	4,484	4,211	4,352	4,109	4,321

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
AUGUSTA - District VII	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	865	865	971	884	782	783	771	781	973	804
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	128	174	-	-	-	129	171
- Money Judgments	368	418	427	380	330	240	375	663	327	321
- Small Claims	878	963	1,638	1,274	1,430	951	947	1,632	1,502	1,500
- Divorce	505	539	544	444	462	475	505	795	422	474
- Mental Health	176	256	279	350	246	179	259	332	317	222
Sub Total	2,792	3,041	3,859	3,460	3,424	2,628	2,857	4,203	3,670	3,492
- Juvenile	303	337	349	132	211	311	368	393	186	229
- Criminal A,B,C	171	205	188	156	184	315	139	61	162	153
- Criminal D,E	1,585	1,839	1,881	1,807	1,905	1,648	1,639	1,931	1,150	1,414
- Traffic Criminal	3,210	3,106	3,286	2,173	2,028	1,570	1,288	2,552	1,318	1,785
Sub Total	5,269	5,487	5,704	4,268	4,328	3,844	3,434	4,937	2,816	3,581
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	6,775	8,058	5,773	6,659	5,593	8,887	8,996	7,544	7,267	6,220
TOTAL	14,836	16,586	15,336	14,387	13,345	15,359	15,287	16,684	13,753	13,293
WATERVILLE - Dist. VII										
- Civil	563	581	533	442	413	308	826	615	668	306
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	64	118	-	-	-	42	112
- Money Judgments	272	286	192	182	128	171	211	177	235	170
- Small Claims	845	830	1,216	1,057	1,262	892	791	909	933	1,130
- Divorce	290	302	287	246	257	227	342	364	239	217
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,970	1,999	2,228	1,991	2,178	1,598	2,170	2,065	2,117	1,935
- Juvenile	119	159	182	241	181	96	164	160	150	247
- Criminal A,B,C	93	108	71	121	158	68	66	62	98	155
- Criminal D,E	1,161	1,123	1,055	1,390	1,574	787	702	936	1,223	1,595
- Traffic Criminal	1,591	1,370	1,644	1,620	1,380	1,230	679	1,056	1,177	1,186
Sub Total	2,964	2,760	2,952	3,372	3,293	2,181	1,611	2,214	2,648	3,183
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	2,341	2,051	1,903	2,000	2,927	2,646	1,670	1,361	1,850	2,896
TOTAL	7,275	6,810	7,083	7,363	8,398	6,425	5,451	5,640	6,615	8,014

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
BRUNSWICK - Dist. VIII	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	238	270	301	280	243	173	163	170	204	366
- Family Abuse(b)	-	-	-	35	36	-	-	-	19	17
- Money Judgments	87	113	114	78	94	47	22	40	23	50
- Small Claims	305	350	540	524	455	183	308	219	502	400
- Divorce	212	190	233	199	196	209	180	193	177	185
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	842	923	1,188	1,116	1,024	612	673	622	925	1,018
- Juvenile	94	95	87	73	72	91	93	69	66	61
- Criminal A,B,C	30	32	42	79	72	26	31	45	26	48
- Criminal D,E	451	842	876	590	503	398	1,239	1,532	606	490
- Traffic Criminal	2,398	2,458	2,451	2,162	2,422	1,840	1,194	1,728	1,597	2,016
Sub Total	2,973	3,427	3,456	2,904	3,069	2,355	2,557	3,374	2,295	2,615
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	4,794	5,535	4,546	4,558	4,935	4,102	5,575	4,831	4,788	4,662
TOTAL	8,609	9,885	9,190	8,578	9,028	7,069	8,805	8,827	8,008	8,295
LEWISTON - Dist. VIII										
- Civil	1,631	1,597	1,700	1,414	1,356	1,508	1,628	1,534	1,350	1,220
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	249	357	-	-	-	246	276
- Money Judgments	572	735	517	414	406	659	927	570	343	335
- Small Claims	1,040	1,220	1,367	1,205	1,214	801	1,091	1,355	1,185	1,277
- Divorce	710	686	713	626	584	687	821	802	658	687
- Mental Health	3	12	-	-	-	-	1	14	-	-
Sub Total	3,956	4,250	4,297	3,908	3,917	3,655	4,468	4,275	3,782	3,795
- Juvenile	420	345	286	263	280	341	340	258	273	396
- Criminal A,B,C	266	316	246	266	270	256	293	238	291	213
- Criminal D,E	1,818	2,074	2,035	2,004	2,226	1,985	2,106	1,781	1,855	1,929
- Traffic Criminal	4,162	4,348	5,217	4,819	3,574	4,314	4,617	4,999	4,874	3,567
Sub Total	6,666	7,083	7,784	7,352	6,350	6,896	7,356	7,276	7,293	6,105
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	5,520	6,486	5,239	5,590	7,567	5,741	6,500	5,025	5,411	6,979
TOTAL	16,142	17,819	17,320	16,850	17,834	16,292	18,324	16,576	16,486	16,879

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
BRIDGTON - District IX(f)	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	104	141	149	142	124	64	166	193	161	114
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	16	21	-	-	-	29	22
- Money Judgments	27	54	58	37	34	30	53	65	43	47
- Small Claims	190	342	210	281	308	154	255	292	200	378
- Divorce	101	115	110	112	109	82	113	122	109	118
- Mental Health	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	423	652	527	588	596	330	587	672	542	679
- Juvenile	77	71	124	72	40	63	66	91	84	64
- Criminal A,B,C	33	79	55	72	39	40	61	38	67	37
- Criminal D,E	309	445	417	720(f)	373	345	461	404	767	416
- Traffic Criminal	565	490	569	499(f)	924	428	394	449	357	759
Sub Total	984	1,085	1,165	1,363	1,376	876	982	982	1,275	1,276
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	1,853	1,751	1,304	920	1,183	1,512	1,761	1,373	883	1,188
TOTAL	3,260	3,488	2,996	2,871	3,155	2,718	3,330	3,027	2,700	3,143
PORTLAND - District IX (e)										
- Civil	2,965	3,103	3,054	2,960	2,955	2,022	2,483	4,179	3,258	3,520
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	237	332	-	-	-	261	457
- Money Judgments	910	919	798	865	943	755	854	668	843	1,192
- Small Claims	1,444	1,724	2,116	2,232	3,039	1,051	1,242	2,156	1,923	2,584
- Divorce	1,244	1,177	1,223	1,102	1,069	1,228	1,255	1,204	1,003	1,080
- Mental Health	106	382	183	234	184	73	388	176	221	202
Sub Total	6,669	7,305	7,374	7,630	8,522	5,129	6,222	8,383	7,509	9,035
- Juvenile	494	504	546	414	462	560	502	517	339	418
- Criminal A,B,C	349	341	298	504	586	389	219	364	457(e)	496
- Criminal D,E	2,760	2,887	3,052	3,188	4,256	2,709	2,326	2,902	5,138	5,045
- Traffic Criminal	9,839	10,830	12,860	9,937	9,700	7,963	8,120	13,430	11,612	11,650
Sub Total	13,442	14,562	16,756	14,043	15,004	11,621	11,167	17,213	17,546	17,609
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	16,854	15,944	16,160	15,688	20,818	18,995	19,280	16,213	15,053	19,069
TOTAL	36,965	37,811	40,290	37,361	44,344	35,745	36,669	41,809	40,108	45,713

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
BIDDEFORD - District X	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	602	714	733	724	675	420	461	753	602	514
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	85	118	-	-	-	33	49
- Money Judgments	214	245	221	185	157	189	137	109	28	34
- Small Claims	996	1,147	1,220	1,390	1,610	820	759	611	1,427	1,295
- Divorce	436	419	429	426	405	408	327	515	355	354
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	2,248	2,525	2,603	2,810	2,973	1,837	1,684	1,988	2,445	2,246
- Juvenile	268	394	313	282	271	179	375	318	254	223
- Criminal A,B,C	186	290	313	274	282	176	215	312	256	256
- Criminal D,E	1,683	1,859	1,907	1,757	1,499	1,677	1,822	1,945	1,746	1,784
- Traffic Criminal	4,282	3,959	3,922	3,673	3,961	4,223	4,144	3,726	3,372	3,975
Sub Total	6,419	6,502	6,455	5,986	6,013	6,255	6,556	6,301	5,628	6,238
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	8,733	8,824	8,595	5,829	7,645	8,330	9,001	8,821	6,049	7,548
TOTAL	17,400	17,851	17,653	14,625	16,631	16,422	17,241	17,110	14,122	16,032
KITTERY - District X										
- Civil	172	206	194	205	209	173	186	254	177	206
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	20	37	-	-	-	13	32
- Money Judgments	42	51	56	53	40	39	31	85	43	33
- Small Claims	280	255	291	226	346	243	238	298	227	307
- Divorce	202	169	199	192	154	196	175	214	187	176
- Mental Health	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Sub Total	697	682	740	696	786	652	631	851	647	754
- Juvenile	34	38	41	71	52	46	41	37	55	45
- Criminal A,B,C	90	110	122	130	127	66	100	114	123	108
- Criminal D,E	890	701	679	683	626	862	715	739	615	588
- Traffic Criminal	2,772	4,172	4,345	4,406	5,719	2,863	4,135	4,338	6,137	5,447
Sub Total	3,786	5,021	5,187	5,290	6,524	3,837	4,991	5,228	6,930	6,188
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	5,541	4,138	3,387	3,205	4,493	5,674	4,192	3,522	2,982	4,381
TOTAL	10,024	9,841	9,314	9,191	11,803	10,163	9,814	9,601	10,559	11,323
SPRINGVALE - District X										
- Civil	273	277	302	245	264	178	239	265	377	210
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	69	90	-	-	-	82	84
- Money Judgments	128	154	77	59	47	82	118	67	65	28
- Small Claims	920	702	561	588	696	541	465	385	375	366
- Divorce	275	277	292	268	266	317	243	353	265	229
- Mental Health	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sub Total	1,598	1,410	1,232	1,230	1,363	1,118	1,065	1,070	1,165	917
- Juvenile	88	105	119	102	149	54	77	85	77	145
- Criminal A,B,C	122	99	119	152	179	86	80	104	103	163
- Criminal D,E	639	624	762	843	948	561	556	713	799	913
- Traffic Criminal	1,998	2,170	2,173	1,869	2,071	1,932	1,852	2,346	1,958	2,038
Sub Total	2,847	2,998	3,173	2,966	3,347	2,633	2,565	3,248	2,937	3,259
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	2,060	2,742	2,253	1,966	2,965	1,984	2,566	2,265	1,948	2,921
TOTAL	6,505	7,150	6,658	6,162	7,675	5,735	6,196	6,583	6,050	7,097

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
LIVERMORE FALLS-Dist.XI	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	62	53	84	58	35	63	32	73	76	45
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	6	11	-	-	-	8	12
- Money Judgments	32	23	33	25	9	32	26	7	42	17
- Small Claims	100	116	186	249	207	92	106	128	279	224
- Divorce	55	50	64	50	50	56	49	58	60	55
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	249	242	367	388	312	243	213	266	465	353
- Juvenile	38	44	64	12	15	51	45	57	20	16
- Criminal A,B,C	7	18	26	19	28	6	12	17	30	18
- Criminal D,E	133	167	267	226	196	133	133	227	254	171
- Traffic Criminal	437	397	464	407	369	438	374	478	397	329
Sub Total	615	626	821	664	608	628	564	779	701	534
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	468	605	412	586	616	460	577	420	576	574
TOTAL	1,332	1,473	1,600	1,638	1,536	1,331	1,354	1,465	1,742	1,461
RUMFORD - District XI										
- Civil	168	171	170	164	122	191	161	264	163	152
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	11	10	-	-	-	8	7
- Money Judgments	185	261	117	126	73	142	417	343	280	156
- Small Claims	597	775	779	838	761	838	820	799	833	799
- Divorce	131	125	118	98	112	124	127	191	84	121
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,081	1,332	1,184	1,237	1,078	1,295	1,525	1,597	1,368	1,235
- Juvenile	97	59	135	65	78	104	53	105	89	52
- Criminal A,B,C	50	60	64	34	36	36	29	62	35	12
- Criminal D,E	614	669	591	440	404	568	540	524	401	384
- Traffic Criminal	957	922	894	860	665	888	926	744	736	626
Sub Total	1,718	1,710	1,684	1,399	1,183	1,596	1,548	1,435	1,261	1,074
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	870	763	892	955	997	803	724	779	937	968
TOTAL	3,669	3,805	3,760	3,591	3,258	3,694	3,797	3,811	3,566	3,277
SOUTH PARIS - Dist. XI										
- Civil	171	131	138	115	97	181	138	153	90	144
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	26	29	-	-	-	20	24
- Money Judgments	132	95	67	29	24	126	81	65	19	18
- Small Claims	444	595	729	999	1,372	399	445	658	823	1,202
- Divorce	146	150	154	132	113	140	141	144	129	134
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	893	971	1,088	1,301	1,635	846	805	1,020	1,081	1,522
- Juvenile	97	61	46	76	83	123	105	90	82	99
- Criminal A,B,C	69	49	70	69	62	59	43	73	59	51
- Criminal D,E	251	306	312	409	246	286	283	307	338	265
- Traffic Criminal	891	821	818	613	620	902	816	766	523	552
Sub Total	1,308	1,237	1,246	1,167	1,011	1,370	1,247	1,236	1,002	967
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	677	650	466	515	543	669	664	683	530	559
TOTAL	2,878	2,858	2,800	2,983	3,189	2,885	2,716	2,939	2,613	3,048

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
FARMINGTON - Dist. XII	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	245	193	266	242	186	215	202	271	202	199
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	25	26	-	-	-	16	24
- Money Judgments	155	143	162	143	87	142	152	170	152	103
- Small Claims	676	558	659	730	826	682	547	596	678	904
- Divorce	209	149	137	137	142	202	183	147	141	119
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	1,285	1,043	1,224	1,277	1,267	1,241	1,084	1,184	1,189	1,349
- Juvenile	152	97	52	137	39	174	103	50	120	61
- Criminal A,B,C	49	57	73	76	82	42	61	78	71	76
- Criminal D,E	511	478	449	545	403	525	479	457	544	406
- Traffic Criminal	866	1,042	1,221	1,042	1,003	906	1,039	1,184	1,033	956
Sub Total	1,578	1,674	1,795	1,800	1,527	1,647	1,682	1,769	1,768	1,499
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	1,038	1,314	2,088	1,814	1,646	1,076	1,313	2,051	1,809	1,572
TOTAL	3,901	4,031	5,107	4,391	4,440	3,964	4,079	5,004	4,766	4,420
SKOWHEGAN - District XII										
- Civil	435	501	482	377	359	531	454	405	479	403
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	87	115	-	-	-	69	105
- Money Judgments	332	274	214	193	193	290	393	196	173	195
- Small Claims	966	913	1,005	1,135	1,330	963	899	740	1,031	1,260
- Divorce	249	207	237	196	238	253	206	204	253	236
- Mental Health	1	2	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	-
Sub Total	1,983	1,897	1,938	1,988	2,235	2,039	1,955	1,545	2,006	2,199
- Juvenile	177	151	166	110	134	209	172	202	120	110
- Criminal A,B,C	166	183	132	136	188	162	168	136	119	195
- Criminal D,E	1,308	1,132	1,243	950	1,053	1,273	1,145	1,210	1,012	932
- Traffic Criminal	2,729	1,904	2,239	1,953	1,978	3,007	1,983	2,210	1,931	1,918
Sub Total	4,380	3,370	3,780	3,149	3,353	4,651	3,468	3,758	3,182	3,155
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	5,313	3,527	3,530	2,601	2,716	5,917	3,525	3,383	2,666	2,578
TOTAL	11,676	8,794	9,248	7,738	8,304	12,607	8,948	8,686	7,854	7,932

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
DOVER-FOXCROFT-Dist.XIII	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
- Civil	115	142	124	127	103	113	138	137	153	134
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	24	26	-	-	-	17	28
- Money Judgments	190	103	62	36	42	175	108	71	37	41
- Small Claims	376	475	506	478	325	450	441	498	515	339
- Divorce	129	140	149	135	134	112	123	153	126	147
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Sub Total	810	860	841	800	631	850	810	859	848	690
- Juvenile	65	63	70	36	65	62	72	59	43	58
- Criminal A,B,C	57	77	67	104	69	43	75	76	94	81
- Criminal D,E	582	748	667	787	707	529	711	683	804	711
- Traffic Criminal	645	577	670	538	640	628	580	690	551	666
Sub Total	1,349	1,465	1,474	1,465	1,481	1,262	1,438	1,508	1,492	1,516
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	777	673	541	754	949	800	670	532	790	973
TOTAL	2,936	2,998	2,856	3,019	3,061	2,912	2,918	2,899	3,130	3,179
LINCOLN - District XIII										
- Civil	80	89	109	118	92	59	93	132	133	64
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	5	4	-	-	-	6	1
- Money Judgments	88	74	71	46	59	67	61	69	57	30
- Small Claims	451	477	351	245	348	389	426	336	247	339
- Divorce	67	86	91	74	62	53	92	105	79	60
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	686	726	622	488	565	568	672	642	522	494
- Juvenile	45	31	30	28	11	51	33	23	31	11
- Criminal A,B,C	54	14	14	36	23	34	13	20	38	21
- Criminal D,E	394	459	394	493	277	409	460	390	484	293
- Traffic Criminal	130	299	292	425	407	143	289	271	402	400
Sub Total	623	803	730	982	718	637	795	704	955	725
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	3,286	2,498	2,009	1,804	1,885	3,258	2,500	2,038	1,805	1,932
TOTAL	4,595	4,027	3,361	3,274	3,168	4,463	3,967	3,384	3,282	3,151
MILLINOCKET - Dist. XIII										
- Civil	130	109	114	118	118	97	116	123	156	138
- Family Abuse (b)	-	-	-	4	18	-	-	-	3	16
- Money Judgments	171	154	81	73	55	161	199	203	93	69
- Small Claims	385	362	255	232	162	335	415	296	247	186
- Divorce	81	97	75	58	80	65	101	121	107	88
- Mental Health	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Sub Total	767	722	525	485	435	658	831	743	606	499
- Juvenile	52	57	74	55	35	68	50	61	68	20
- Criminal A,B,C	37	35	43	22	19	58	30	35	25	23
- Criminal D,E	540	601	572	471	637	485	593	585	593	616
- Traffic Criminal	623	606	690	338	435	570	580	683	427	410
Sub Total	1,252	1,299	1,376	886	1,126	1,181	1,253	1,364	1,113	1,069
- Civil Violations and Traffic Infractions	1,496	1,124	964	637	863	1,363	1,228	1,007	875	784
TOTAL	3,515	3,145	2,865	2,008	2,424	3,202	3,312	3,114	2,594	2,352

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		1979	1980	1981	1982	1983*
DISTRICT I:	Caribou	2,118	933	867	1,037	770
	Fort Kent	685	381	652	490	598
	Madawaska	480	340	293	302	227*
	Van Buren	205	131	207	128	58*
	Sub Total	3,488	1,785	2,019	1,957	1,653
DISTRICT II:	Houlton	2,296	1,883	2,274	1,866 (c)	1,689
	Presque Isle	1,972	1,313	1,185	1,200	1,197
	Sub Total	4,268	3,196	3,459	3,066	2,886
DISTRICT III:	Bangor	4,019	2,939	3,230	4,255	3,704
	Newport	1,787	1,505	1,198	1,238	873
	Sub Total	5,806	4,444	4,428	5,493	4,577
DISTRICT IV:	Calais	1,022	753	633	674	1,002
	Machias	374	652	423	975	1,052
	Sub Total	1,396	1,405	1,056	1,649	2,054
DISTRICT V:	Bar Harbor	398	343	374	406	345
	Belfast	1,525	1,388	1,523	1,613	1,218
	Ellsworth	1,945	1,357	2,082	3,257	2,735
	Sub Total	3,868	3,088	3,979	5,276	4,298
DISTRICT VI:	Bath	2,298	2,105	2,403	1,970	2,920
	Rockland	1,621	1,309	1,500	1,522	1,089
	Wiscasset	1,615	1,599	1,572	1,363	1,390
	Sub Total	5,534	5,013	5,475	4,855	5,399
DISTRICT VII:	Augusta	6,458	6,904	6,081	5,405	2,429*
	Waterville	2,177	1,404	518	1,860	2,205
	Sub Total	8,635	8,308	6,599	7,265	4,634
DISTRICT VIII:	Brunswick	3,374	4,538	3,741	4,245	3,783
	Lewiston	4,399	5,200	4,758	4,939	5,373
	Sub Total	7,773	9,738	8,499	9,184	9,156
DISTRICT IX:	Bridgton	1,440	1,395	987	1,223	1,401
	Portland	16,065	16,333	18,375	19,237	7,021*
	Sub Total	17,505	17,728	19,362	20,460	8,422
DISTRICT X:	Biddeford	6,967	6,786	6,795	5,813	6,003*
	Kittery	5,052	4,858	4,004	3,930	5,422
	Springvale	2,205	2,709	2,421	2,302	2,641
	Sub Total	14,224	14,353	13,220	12,045	14,066
DISTRICT XI:	Livermore Falls	518	492	381	544	500
	Rumford	604	696	779	989	936
	South Paris	607	543	488	422	455
	Sub Total	1,729	1,731	1,648	1,955	1,891
DISTRICT XII:	Farmington	1,197	1,116	1,802	1,730	1,696
	Skowhegan	4,698	2,749	2,971	3,014	3,037
	Sub Total	5,895	3,865	4,773	4,744	4,733
DISTRICT XIII:	Dover-Foxcroft	670	522	415	898	1,057
	Lincoln	1,923	1,510	1,577	1,721	1,779
	Millinocket	1,037	925	711	544	930*
	Sub Total	3,630	2,957	2,703	3,163	3,766
STATE TOTAL:		83,751	77,611	77,220	81,112	67,535*
REORGANIZED DISTRICTS:	(A) Bridgton	1,440	1,395	987	1,223	1,401
	Livermore Falls	518	492	381	544	500
	Rumford	604	696	779	989	936
	South Paris	607	543	488	422	455
	Sub Total	3,169	3,126	2,635	3,178	3,292
	(B) Bath	2,298	2,105	2,403	1,970	2,920
	Brunswick	3,374	4,538	3,741	4,245	3,783
	Sub Total	5,672	6,643	6,144	6,215	6,703
	(C) Rockland	1,621	1,309	1,500	1,522	1,089
	Wiscasset	1,615	1,599	1,572	1,363	1,390
	Sub Total	3,236	2,908	3,072	2,885	2,479

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*Waivers data are incomplete for Madawaska, Van Buren, Augusta, Portland, Biddeford and Millinocket. Further detail appears as footnote (g) on Page 166 .

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	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983
District I:																
- Caribou	10	13	-	-	-	-	7	4	-	-	53	30	39	33	109	80
- Fort Kent	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	11	49	37	77	49
- Madawaska	5	13	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	19	21	17	25	42	63
- Van Buren	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	16	4	11	7	29	11
Sub Total	16	27	-	2	-	1	10	5	-	-	115	66	116	102	257	203
District II:																
- Houlton	17	20	-	-	-	-	16	4	-	-	73	51	76	68	182	143
- Presque Isle	17	27	-	-	-	-	14	7	-	-	63	76	57	57	151	167
Sub Total	34	47	-	-	-	-	30	11	-	-	136	127	133	125	333	310
District III:																
- Bangor	50	146	1	1	4	5	56	47	25	270	226	287	517	571	879	1327
- Newport	10	17	-	-	-	3	7	8	-	-	43	40	119	124	179	192
Sub Total	60	163	1	1	4	8	63	55	25	270	269	327	636	695	1058	1519
District IV:																
- Calais	11	5	-	-	4	-	5	9	-	-	27	35	88	86	135	135
- Machias	13	4	1	-	4	1	9	3	-	-	6	18	94	93	127	119
Sub Total	24	9	1	-	8	1	14	12	-	-	33	53	182	179	262	254
District V:																
- Bar Harbor	3	5	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	18	20	12	38	39	69
- Belfast	15	24	1	1	2	1	12	10	-	-	24	44	66	81	120	161
- Ellsworth	20	24	-	-	-	-	14	11	-	-	73	82	85	93	192	210
Sub Total	38	53	1	1	2	1	32	27	-	-	115	146	163	212	351	440
District VI:																
- Bath	9	11	1	-	1	-	12	16	-	-	52	32	120	114	195	173
- Rockland	31	29	-	-	-	4	30	22	-	1	137	149	130	125	328	330
- Wiscasset	19	11	-	-	-	-	15	7	-	-	40	64	85	120	159	202
Sub Total	59	51	1	-	1	4	57	45	-	1	229	245	335	359	682	705
District VII:																
- Augusta	50	46	2	1	3	11	64	67	-	194	156	137	172	164	447	620
- Waterville	39	34	-	-	5	4	35	34	-	-	128	155	113	128	320	355
Sub Total	89	80	2	1	8	15	99	101	-	194	284	292	285	292	767	975
District VIII:																
- Brunswick	13	11	-	1	-	2	6	14	-	-	56	62	43	44	118	134
- Lewiston	38	82	-	-	-	11	20	41	-	-	169	250	68	110	295	494
Sub Total	51	93	-	1	-	13	26	55	-	-	225	312	111	154	413	628
District IX:																
- Bridgton	5	8	-	-	1	1	7	6	-	-	-	4	9	23	22	42
- Portland	97	119	1	3	9	10	71	75	1	184	44	41	229	260	452	692
Sub Total	102	127	1	3	10	11	78	81	1	184	44	45	238	283	474	734
District X:																
- Biddeford	15	20	1	6	1	5	21	20	-	-	86	55	138	173	262	279
- Kittery	2	6	-	-	1	4	29	16	-	-	7	9	71	90	110	125
- Springvale	14	13	-	-	2	-	18	12	1	-	36	50	68	92	139	167
Sub Total	31	39	1	6	4	9	68	48	1	-	129	114	277	355	511	571
District XI:																
- Livermore Falls	4	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	-	-	4	1	10	21	25	26
- Rumford	4	12	-	-	1	1	11	12	-	-	7	6	33	74	56	105
- South Paris	3	7	-	-	-	4	5	7	-	-	3	6	32	30	43	54
Sub Total	11	19	-	-	1	5	23	23	-	-	14	13	75	125	124	185
District XII:																
- Farmington	9	16	-	-	-	4	25	21	-	-	42	35	47	54	123	130
- Skowhegan	30	28	-	-	2	1	35	28	-	-	84	31	68	85	219	173
Sub Total	39	44	-	-	2	5	60	49	-	-	126	66	115	139	342	303
District XIII:																
- Dover-Foxcroft	22	51	-	-	2	3	11	18	-	-	28	57	70	100	133	229
- Lincoln	12	18	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	25	16	56	52	96	88
- Millinocket	13	21	-	1	1	1	1	6	-	-	83	42	55	83	153	154
Sub Total	47	90	-	1	3	4	15	26	-	-	136	115	181	235	382	471
STATE TOTAL:	601	842	8	16	43	77	575	538	27	649	1855	1921	2847	3255	5956	7298

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	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983
District I:																
- Caribou	10	13	-	-	-	-	7	4	-	-	53	30	39	33	109	80
- Fort Kent	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	11	49	37	77	49
- Madawaska	5	13	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	19	21	17	25	42	63
- Van Buren	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	16	4	11	7	29	11
Sub Total	16	27	-	2	-	1	10	5	-	-	115	66	116	102	257	203
District II:																
- Houlton	17	20	-	-	-	-	16	4	-	-	73	51	76	68	182	143
- Presque Isle	17	27	-	-	-	-	14	7	-	-	63	76	57	57	151	167
Sub Total	34	47	-	-	-	-	30	11	-	-	136	127	133	125	333	310
District III:																
- Bangor	50	146	1	1	4	5	56	47	25	270	226	287	517	571	879	1327
- Newport	10	17	-	-	-	3	7	8	-	-	43	40	119	124	179	192
Sub Total	60	163	1	1	4	8	63	55	25	270	269	327	636	695	1058	1519
District IV:																
- Calais	11	5	-	-	4	-	5	9	-	-	27	35	88	86	135	135
- Machias	13	4	1	-	4	1	9	3	-	-	6	18	94	93	127	119
Sub Total	24	9	1	-	8	1	14	12	-	-	33	53	182	179	262	254
District V:																
- Bar Harbor	3	5	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	18	20	12	38	39	69
- Belfast	15	24	1	1	2	1	12	10	-	-	24	44	66	81	120	161
- Ellsworth	20	24	-	-	-	-	14	11	-	-	73	82	85	93	192	210
Sub Total	38	53	1	1	2	1	32	27	-	-	115	146	163	212	351	440
District VI:																
- Bath	9	11	1	-	1	-	12	16	-	-	52	32	120	114	195	173
- Rockland	31	29	-	-	-	4	30	22	-	1	137	149	130	125	328	330
- Wiscasset	19	11	-	-	-	-	15	7	-	-	40	64	85	120	159	202
Sub Total	59	51	1	-	1	4	57	45	-	1	229	245	335	359	682	705
District VII:																
- Augusta	50	46	2	1	3	11	64	67	-	194	156	137	172	164	447	620
- Waterville	39	34	-	-	5	4	35	34	-	-	128	155	113	128	320	355
Sub Total	89	80	2	1	8	15	99	101	-	194	284	292	285	292	767	975
District VIII:																
- Brunswick	13	11	-	1	-	2	6	14	-	-	56	62	43	44	118	134
- Lewiston	38	82	-	-	-	11	20	41	-	-	169	250	68	110	295	494
Sub Total	51	93	-	1	-	13	26	55	-	-	225	312	111	154	413	628
District IX:																
- Bridgton	5	8	-	-	1	1	7	6	-	-	-	4	9	23	22	42
- Portland	97	119	1	3	9	10	71	75	1	184	44	41	229	260	452	692
Sub Total	102	127	1	3	10	11	78	81	1	184	44	45	238	283	474	734
District X:																
- Biddeford	15	20	1	6	1	5	21	20	-	-	86	55	138	173	262	279
- Kittery	2	6	-	-	1	4	29	16	-	-	7	9	71	90	110	125
- Springvale	14	13	-	-	2	-	18	12	1	-	36	50	68	92	139	167
Sub Total	31	39	1	6	4	9	68	48	1	-	129	114	277	355	511	571
District XI:																
- Livermore Falls	4	-	-	-	-	-	7	4	-	-	4	1	10	21	25	26
- Rumford	4	12	-	-	1	1	11	12	-	-	7	6	33	74	56	105
- South Paris	3	7	-	-	-	4	5	7	-	-	3	6	32	30	43	54
Sub Total	11	19	-	-	1	5	23	23	-	-	14	13	75	125	124	185
District XII:																
- Farmington	9	16	-	-	-	4	25	21	-	-	42	35	47	54	123	130
- Skowhegan	30	28	-	-	2	1	35	28	-	-	84	31	68	85	219	173
Sub Total	39	44	-	-	2	5	60	49	-	-	126	66	115	139	342	303
District XIII:																
- Dover-Foxcroft	22	51	-	-	2	3	11	18	-	-	28	57	70	100	133	229
- Lincoln	12	18	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	25	16	56	52	96	88
- Millinocket	13	21	-	1	1	1	1	6	-	-	83	42	55	83	153	154
Sub Total	47	90	-	1	3	4	15	26	-	-	136	115	181	235	382	471
STATE TOTAL:	601	842	8	16	43	77	575	538	27	649	1855	1921	2847	3255	5956	7298

* Includes mental retardation

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FOOTNOTES

*GENERAL NOTE

Due to auditing, some types of caseload statistics in this 1983 report differ from statistics appearing in previous Annual Reports as follows:

	1979	1980	1981	1982
Madawaska (filings)	Civil Money Judgments Small Claims Divorce	Civil Money Judgments Small Claims Divorce	---	Civil Money Judgments Divorce
Caribou (filings)	Civil Money Judgments Small Claims Divorce Juvenile	Civil Money Judgments Small Claims Divorce Juvenile	Civil	Civil
Houlton (filings)	Money Judgments Small Claims Divorce Juvenile	Civil Money Judgments Small Claims Divorce	Civil Divorce	Civil Money Judgments Small Claims Divorce
Presque Isle (filings)	Criminal A,B,C Criminal D,E Traffic Criminal Civ. Viol.&Traf.Inf.	---	---	---
Van Buren (filings and dispositions)	Criminal A,B,C Criminal D,E Traffic Criminal Civ.Viol.&Traf.Inf.	Juvenile Criminal A,B,C Criminal D,E Traffic Criminal Civ.Viol.&Traf.Inf.	Juvenile Criminal A,B,C Criminal D,E Traffic Criminal Civ.Viol&Traf.Inf.	Juvenile Criminal A,B,C Criminal D,E Traffic Criminal Civ.Viol.&Traf.Inf.

a) In Van Buren District Court, estimates were provided for 1979-1981 filings and 1979-1982 dispositions.

b) Family abuse filings and dispositions were counted as "civil" cases during 1981.

c) In Houlton District Court, estimates have been provided for 1982 traffic criminal and criminal D-E dispositions, and all waivers.

d) In Belfast District Court, estimates have been provided for 1982 criminal A-B-C and criminal D-E filings.

e) In Portland District Court, the criminal A-B-C dispositions for 1982 included 345 cases which remained pending because they were not dismissed by the District Attorney when they resulted in indictments in the Superior Court.

f) In Bridgton District Court during 1982, some cases were erroneously recorded as "criminal D-E" cases when they should have been "traffic criminal" cases.

g) Waivers data are incomplete as follows:

Madawaska:	No waivers reported in October.
Van Buren:	No waivers reported from May through December.
Augusta:	No waivers reported from March through July.
Portland:	No waivers reported from March through October.
Biddeford:	No waivers reported in June and August.
Millinocket:	No waivers reported in March.

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CASE TYPE DEFINITIONS

CIVIL:	Includes all civil cases not separated out below, including forcible entry and detainer, neglect of children, and reciprocal cases. Does not include civil violations which were formerly considered criminal cases.
FAMILY ABUSE:	Includes protection from abuse cases under Title 19.
MONEY JUDGMENTS:	Includes disclosure cases, but does not include small claims disclosures.
SMALL CLAIMS:	Includes small claims cases.
DIVORCE:	Includes all divorce cases, annulments, and judicial separations, but does not include reciprocals.
MENTAL HEALTH:	Includes all mental health cases.
JUVENILE:	Include all offenses committed by juveniles.
CRIMINAL A-B-C etc:	Includes all crimes classified as murder, A, B, or C. (Such offenses committed by juveniles are included in the "Juvenile" category).
CRIMINAL D-E etc:	Includes all Title 17A crimes classified as D or E, plus all other non-traffic criminal offenses such as Fish and Game, and Marine Resources. Does not include Title 29 violations. Does not include civil drug violations. (Such offenses committed by juveniles are included in the "Juvenile" category).
TRAFFIC CRIMINAL:	Includes all Title 28 and 29 Class D or E non-infraction traffic offenses such as Criminal OUI, Driving After Suspension, and Reckless Driving. Also includes PUC cases. (Such offenses committed by juveniles are included in the "Juvenile" category).
CIVIL VIOLATIONS AND TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS:	Includes all traffic infractions, Civil OUI cases, and those civil violations which have received a criminal docket number and which are punishable by fine, such as municipal ordinances, possession of a usable amount of marijuana, possession or transportation of liquor by minors, and dogs running at large. (Such offenses committed by juveniles are included in the "Juvenile" category).

Appendix V

Administrative Court Caseload Statistics

1983

MAINE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

JUDGES

Hon. Edward W. Rogers

Hon. Dana A. Cleaves

CLERK

Diane Nadeau

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS

The Administrative Court was created by the legislature in 1973 and became a part of the Judicial Department on July 1, 1978. Prior thereto the Administrative Court had jurisdiction over suspension and revocation of licenses by a specific list of executive agencies. Effective July 1, 1978, the legislature substantially expanded the jurisdiction of the Administrative Court. Other than in emergency situations, the Administrative Court now has exclusive jurisdiction upon complaint of an agency or, if the licensing agency fails or refuses to act within a reasonable time, upon complaint of the Attorney General, to revoke or suspend licenses issued by the agency, has original jurisdiction upon complaint of a licensing agency to determine whether renewal or reissuance of a license of that agency may be refused. Effective in 1983, the Administrative Court also has exclusive jurisdiction to hear appeals from disciplinary decisions of the Real Estate Commission.

There are two judges of the Administrative Court; the Administrative Court judge and the Administrative Court associate judge. The judges must be lawyers and are appointed by the governor for seven year terms, with the consent of the legislature. Administrative Court judges may also sit in the District Court and since October, 1983, in the Superior Court, upon order by the chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Administrative Court judges devoted at least two weeks per month during 1983 to the hearing of District Court cases for the courts located in Portland, Biddeford, Bridgton, Springvale, Rumford and Augusta. (See Table AC-1). Secretaries for the Administrative Court have spent 253 hours recording District Court cases. Administrative Court judges also have been conducting hearings in Superior Court cases at least one week per month since October, 1983. During the last three months of 1983, these judges heard a total of 40 divorce cases and 8 civil cases for the Superior Court, resulting in 32 divorce case dispositions and 6 civil case dispositions.

Table AC-2 portrays filings and dispositions since 1979, indicating the 22% increase in total filings during the past year after three years of steady decline.

Table AC-1

DISTRICT COURT CASES
HEARD BY ADMINISTRATIVE COURT JUDGES

	1982		1983	
	Hearings Held	Cases Disposed	Hearings Held	Cases Disposed
Divorce	222	160	231	149
Civil	108	75	172	90
Small Claims	172	172	268	268
Disclosures	70	70	110	110
Forcible Entry and Detainer	3	3	14	14
Family Abuse	6	6	2	2
Protective Custody	7	7	96	96
Criminal Arraignments	-	-	10	10
OUI	3	3	-	-
Juvenile	29	29	-	-
Pineland Recertification	24	24	-	-
TOTAL	644	549	903	739

TABLE AC-2

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT
CASELOAD STATISTICS
1979 - 1983

	FILINGS					DISPOSITIONS				
	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Appeal from Decision of Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages	1	2	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
Appeal from Decision of Dept. of Public Safety	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Appeal from Decision of Dept. of Transportation	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Appeal from Decision of Liquor Commission	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Board of Accountancy	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Board of Dental Examiners	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	2
Board of Examiners of Podiatrists	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Board of Examiners of Psychologists	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Board of Licensure of Medical Care Facilities other than Hospitals	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Board of Pesticides Control	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Board of Registration in Medicine	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bureau of Liquor Enforcement	281	293	285	255	318	278	235	282	283	290
Bureau of Maine State Police	31	11	2	4	-	47	12	3	3	-
Citizen Complaint Against a Notary Public	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Dept. of Environmental Protection	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dept. of Human Services	10	5	8	7	1	11	3	2	6	4
Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	3	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	-	1
Dept. of Marine Resources	2	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	5	1
Dept. of Mental Health and Retardation	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dept. of Secretary of State	21	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	-	-
Harness Racing Commission	-	15	13	8	17	-	5	7	8	13
Real Estate Commission	2	-	-	1	1	6	-	-	-	1
State Board of Nursing	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	1
Superintendent of Insurance	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL	355	330	311	285	349	375	258	298	307	320